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Outdoorswoman perishes on hike, husband hospitalized

By Judy Wakefield, Meg Murphy and Tim Wacker

The dark blue Subaru station wagon parked at 24 Brookfield Road typically was packed for an outdoor getaway.

Homeowners Russell and Brenda Cox, both 43, enjoyed the outdoors and often had camping equipment, bicycles, kayaks or hiking gear packed and ready to go. Avid worldwide travelers and hikers, the couple escaped to the fresh air whenever possible, said neighbors.

Last Sunday, it was a one-day hike in the snowy White Mountains of New Hampshire that called to them, as it had many times before. Only this time, the hike turned tragic.,

Horrific winter weather conditions rolled in as the day wore on and caused the Coxes to lose their way along a hiking trail to Mount Lafayette, a 5,249-foot peak east of Franconia Notch. They were stranded in the freezing cold for two nights. Rescuers did not find them until Tuesday morning, when they spotted Russell Cox's bright yellow jacket in a rocky area above the tree line. Rescuers have said the dangerous wind chill was 60 degrees below, and it caused Brenda Cox's body temperature to plunge dangerously low. The athletic, long-haired brunette was rescued, but died shortly before noon on Tuesday at Littleton Regional Hospital. Her husband survived and, as of *Townsman* presstime, was recuperating at Massachusetts General Hospital, listed in good condition.

Neighbors were clearly shocked by the tragic news. The couple was known for their hiking passion – they even hiked to their wedding reception – and were described as energetic, athletic and outdoorsy.

Next-door neighbor Dave Waller of 20 Brookfield Road said Brenda Cox was "petite and wispy" and took good care of herself. When she wasn't hiking, biking, or kayaking, she was jogging or inline skating.

"They were together all the time," Waller said of the couple. "I didn't see them a lot because they were always on the go, always going somewhere ...This is just a terrible tragedy."

His wife, Helen Waller, a first-grade teacher at High Plain Elementary School, said four days before the ill-fated hike, Brenda Cox dropped by because she locked her keys in her car and had to call her husband to help retrieve them.

"She was quiet and reserved, but

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NEW HOME FOR SENIORS?

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

The proposed senior center, as it would be seen from Bartlet Street.

Senior center unveiled

Selectmen favor design money

By Andrea Gregory

The selectmen voted 4-0-1 Monday to recommend Town Meeting approve money to design a new senior center on Bartlet Street, just south of Doherty Middle School.

All the seats in the selectmen's conference room were filled with residents for the vote, and observers spilled out into the hallway. Rosemary Hempstead, of Sagamore Drive, was one of the senior citizens present who left with hope that Town Meeting voters will follow in the footsteps of the selectmen. She said knowing the selectmen are recommending approval of the Town Meeting warrant article for the design money is a step in the right direction.

"It is the first step on a fairly long way. The seniors really need this. There are other needs, but this one has been put off for a fairly long time," said Hempstead on her way out of the meeting.

Don Robb, member of the Senior Center Task Force, lead the presentation before the selectmen and Finance Committee. He announced the dollar figure in the warrant article would be amended down on the floor of Town Meeting, from $500,000 to $350,000.

Brian Major, the only selectman to abstain from voting, said he wondered if the cost could be brought down even further in exchange for less detailed plans.

Robb said $350,000 will buy the town plans detailed enough that they can put out to bid next year. But Town Meeting will have to approve significantly more money next year to pay for construction of the center. Based on estimates provided by the architect, construction will cost $5,447,000 to $6,449,000.

"I will tell you with confidence the construction cost will fall within that range," said Michael Pagano, principal architect and vice president of Lamoureux Pagano Associates. Pagano said after the design plans are complete, he will be able to give 2005 Town Meeting voters a figure within one percent of the actual construction cost.

The average property value for single family homes in Andover is around $500,000. If the town borrows the money for a new $6 million senior center over 20 years, residents with properties valued at $500,000 would face a tax increase of

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Sticker machine rolls to win

Challenger Silberstein leads school race; Collins back in game

By Ben Hellman

Anyone who doubted that a sticker campaign could work needed only to witness the power of the Silberstein machine on Tuesday. School Committee winner and write-in candidate Debra Silberstein racked in more votes in the town election – 2,491 total – than any other candidate in a contested race.

Silberstein and selectmen challenger Alex Vispoli, who led the selectmen's race with 1,960 votes, will bring new faces to the town leadership this year. Each ran on a platform that focused on opening town government to the public.

Incumbent Richard "Dick" Collins will join Silberstein on the School Committee, as his 1,576 votes were enough to return him to his seat. School Committee challenger Tom Deso collected 1,258 votes, out of the running.

Incumbent Selectmen Chairman John Hess kept his seat by earning 1,761 votes. Fellow incumbent Ray Hender lost his seat with 1,604 votes.

A total of 3,337 residents voted. In uncontested races, moderator Jim Doherty and Andover Housing Authority member James Cuticchia will return to their positions. Doherty took the most votes of the night (2,553) and Cuticchia garnered 2,303 votes.

Silberstein's sticker campaign forced wardens to count ballots by hand, which delayed a final count for Silberstein until about an hour after the polls closed, but did not present counters with any trouble, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson. Hanson addressed the crowd of expectant supporters and race followers five minutes before the polls closed. "It's going to take some time. Please just relax," she said.

Hanson asked the group to stay away from the counters. An election warden helped her position hurdles sitting in the Andover High School Field

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

At a Tuesday night victory party, family and friends of write-in candidate Debra Silberstein display the cards with stickers on them that voters were handed as they approached the polls.

SELECTMEN'S RACE

Vispoli tops selectmen; Hess returns

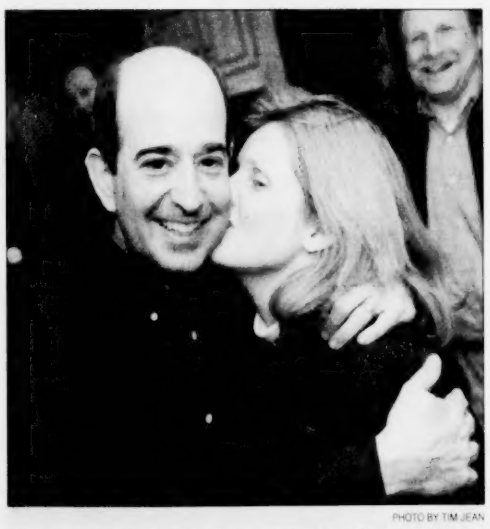

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

It was a night for the challengers, as Alex Vispoli collected the most votes in the Board of Selectmen race.

By Andrea Gregory

Andover voters sought change at the polls, setting a place for Alex Vispoli at the conference table of the Board of Selectmen.

Vispoli, who brought in about 200 more votes than Selectman Chairman John Hess and about 350 more votes than Selectman Ray Hender, said he was pleasantly surprised.

"I worked hard, and I think I had a clear message. The message was proactive communication, accountability and financial discipline – scrutinizing our priorities with limited money. That was well received," said Vispoli at a victory party at his Alison Way home.

Vispoli, who spent the day at the polls from opening to closing, said winning the race was a great reward for his tired feet. "I was out there from about 10 after 7 until about quarter of 9. Hand warmers were key," he said.

"In Andover you never know," said Hess during a celebration at his Chestnut

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BUSINESS

Prepackaged pack keeps geese, droppings away

By Andrea Gregory

The sky looks goose-free above the pond at 3000 Minuteman Road – a once-popular flocking spot now guarded by a small pack of coyotes. A small pack of Styrofoam coyotes.

With perked up ears and unmistakable coats, such life-like coyotes circle the pond near Philips Medical Systems with the intention of scaring away gaggles of messy geese.

There's no fur on the packing material pack. There's paint. Beneath their paws there are no nails. There are foot-long pegs pushed into the ground to keep the coyotes upright. But from a bird's-eye view, the fake, fierce predators seem to be the real thing.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Fake coyotes are used to scare away geese near Philips Medical Systems on Minuteman Road.

"So far it seems to be doing the trick," said Bob Brutti, facilities manager.

According to Brutti, the coyotes are manufactured for hunting target practice. When one of his coworkers suggested they might solve the area's growing geese problem, Brutti decided to give it a try.

Kathy Rodgers, community relations manager at Philips, said the geese were not afraid of people or hesitant about crossing the parking lot. Rogers said the large number of geese made a mess of the grounds. Avoiding goose droppings as one walked from the car to the entrance was only one before-work task, she said. The other was getting past the geese frolicking at the building's edge.

"They would approach the entryways, too. They were not afraid of people," said Rogers.

Brutti said the football-field-size pond was created about 10 years ago. Though it was a nice sight from the side parking lot to the office, gradually it

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North Andover to rename itself 'Olde Andover'?

Resident asks Town Meeting to 'reclaim what we had'

Local history buff Karen M. Kline of North Andover wants to honor the town's deep roots and reclaim its place as the original Andover by changing the name to Olde Andover. She has placed an article on the North Andover warrant for its May 10 Town Meeting authorizing selectmen to petition the state for the name change.

"It's not so much a change," she said. "It's just going to reclaim what we had forever."

"We are the original Andover," said Carol J. Majahad, director of the North Andover Historical Society. "We are Andover. The town that's Andover now bought the name."

The areas that are now known as the towns Andover and North Andover were part of the same town – Andover – until the mid-1800s. It's true that the residents of what is now called Andover bought the name "Andover" for about $500 when this area split from what is now Andover.

"North Andover had some industry, but was mostly a rural, farming community. The south was more industrial," said Julie Mofford, an Andover history buff.

"And, we had the Academy," she said of Phillips Academy which was considered part of south Andover's industrial base at the time.

Mofford explained that those who lived in what is now Andover were working in the mills along the Shawsheen River and simply wanted to live closer to their jobs because they walked to work. For years, they pushed for a church in the south end of town that could serve as a first step toward separating from the north end.

"Records from 1705 and 1708 show residents were pushing at Town Meeting to build a church in the south end," she said. "Could you imagine the long trek along Elm Street to North Andover for church? And, most of them were walking or had an ox-cart. They wanted a church closer."

Records show that the Massachusetts General Court sent a committee to the Andovers and finally decided that a church could be built in southern Andover.

"Central Street was a main thoroughfare and it was decided the South Church would be built there," Mofford said, noting the current South Church is on the same spot, but is not the same building. Its first minister was appointed in 1711.

The current Andover area became even more popular as a result of the new church and the separation debate continued for many more years.

"It's all in the records," Mofford said. "They argued about the legal split of the two towns until it was finally decided one would be North Andover and the south would be Andover."

That was around 1855, and it cost the south part of town about $500 to be named Andover. Plus, the south had to house all of both towns' poor people, as part of the deal, until North Andover could build housing for them.

"North Andover got the fire

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A new era in scarecrows

■ COYOTES

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became an attractive home for dozens of geese.

"You could have 50 geese easily," said Brutti. "It's OK if you have two or three of them, but when you start getting 40 or 50 of them, it's a problem."

Before the company took action to get rid of the geese with the fake coyotes, other measures were tried, such as bringing in a small fleet of border collie dogs. Border collies are know for their goose-scaring abilities. Though the dogs will chase them, even jump right into water in pursuit of their feathered targets, they will not hurt the geese. There are goose-policing agencies that will bring in dogs.

Brutti said the dogs-for-hire seemed to be working, but at a notable cost. He said Philips was calling on the dogs less and less, but they were still needed on occasion, and every time the dogs came out, Philips had to pay a fee.

The alternative, Styrofoam coyotes, was suggested by Paula Hardacre, an executive assistant at Philips. She said she had seen something on television about hunting targets doubling as goose scarecrows.

"I had always complained to our Workplace Services Department about the problems with (the geese) on our site and the mess that they caused," said Hardacre. Hardacre is now happy to report her suggestion seems to have cleared the air – and the grounds.

"We stopped the dogs when we put these (fake coyotes) in," Brutti said.

At $90 bucks a head, the coyotes seem to be equally successful as the collies, at a fraction of the price.

"They seem to work," said Brutti. "You see the geese fly in, and then you see them flying out."

When Philips first brought in the coyotes, Rogers said there was concern that people would mistake them for the real thing. She said an in-house memo was sent to let people know it was safe to walk through the parking lot or to take a stroll around the pond during a lunch break.

"People were so curious. They would walk out there. They would walk right up to them," Brutti said.

Brutti said the true test will come when the weather gets warmer and migrating geese that would use Philips' parking lot ponds return. Currently, there is a total of five coyotes protecting two ponds. Brutti said he is hoping the geese will not catch on, but, just in case, the coyotes will be moved around a bit and their swivel heads readjusted.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A pond near Philips Medical Systems attracted so many geese that workers had trouble making it into their building unmolested — and with clean shoes. Coyote-shaped scarecrows are now used to keep birds away.

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT

OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN DOWDEN, CURRENT OWNER OF 9 PLEASANT ST.; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The top photo shows 9 Pleasant St. circa 1905. Pictured are Samuel Boutwell (1838-1919) and his wife, Alice. Samuel Boutwell lived in Andover for his entire life and served as selectman for more than 20 years. In the bottom photo is 9 Pleasant St. this week. The home is now owned by the Dowden family, who, we suspect, rarely use a horse-drawn sleigh.

League looking for new members

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, which describes itself as a non-partisan, grassroots organization committed to influencing public policy through education and advocacy, is seeking new members for the June 2004-05 fiscal year. To encourage new members to join in time to take part in spring 2004 events, the local chapter is extending a special introductory offer to prospective members. Everyone joining the Andover/North Andover Chapter from now until April 30, will enjoy membership benefits through June 30, 2005.

For more information, contact Stefani Traina Goldshein at 978-470-3140 or visit the Andover/North Andover League Web site www.LWV-Andovers.org.

Pets' rabies vaccine

The fifth annual statewide rabies vaccination day is planned for April 3. The Andover Animal Hospital will conduct the rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 3 at the West Middle School on Shawsheen Road from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost of the vaccination will be $10 per animal and all animals should be leashed or restrained.

Rabies vaccinations will be good for three years if residents bring proof (current rabies certificate) that their pet has been immunized within the past year. Otherwise, the vaccination will be good for only one year.

State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age and must be three months before they can be vaccinated.

All dogs must be licensed annually in accordance with state and local statues. If residents have not yet licensed their dogs for 2004, they should contact the town clerk's office for information at 978-623-8257.

Quote, unquote . . .

BEING AT THE STATEHOUSE, I've never been around something that is so emotionally charged on both sides."

– Andover State Rep. Barry Finegold, talking about the constitutional convention concerning the issue of same-sex marriage. **(Story, page 7)**

MANY CHRISTIANS AND JEWS went into the theater and walked out seeing two different movies.

– Attorney Robert Leikind, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, New England, offering his perspective of Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ. **(Story, page 22)**

News Calendar

Thursday, March 25

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, second floor, 9 a.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

RESCHEDULED – The **Zoning Board of Appeals** public hearing on Mulberry Daycare – originally scheduled for Town Offices, third floor, at 7 p.m. on March 25 – has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the same location.

Monday, March 29

Board of Health, Town Offices, first floor, 6-9 p.m.

Joint Boards, Selectmen, Finance, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, Shawsheen School, 3:15 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, Plant & Facilities Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Chinese Spring Festival

A Chinese Spring Festival will be held Saturday, March 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. at West Middle School. It is sponsored in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Arts Council, and monies from Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange and local businesses. Tickets for the event will be on sale at the door and cost $5 for adults; $3 for children, students and seniors, and be free for children younger than 3.

The Chinese Spring Festival is family oriented, featuring traditional Chinese Crafts and performances. There will be a performance of Chinese Folk Dance and Chinese Yo-yo by the Chinese Youth Folk Art Workshop.

For more information contact andoveracce@yahoo.com.

Budget choices: Spend less on maintenance, borrow for large projects

By Meir Rinde and Ben Hellman

In a series of closely argued votes, selectmen recommended Monday night that the town borrow money for big projects and keep maintenance spending low, freeing up tax money that could help close the school department's budget deficit.

All the spending for next fiscal year still faces votes at Town Meeting April 26 to 27.

The board voted 4-0, with Selectman Brian Major abstaining, to recommend borrowing $350,000 to pay for construction plans for a proposed new senior center on Bartlet Street. They voted 4-1, with Major in opposition, to recommend borrowing another $475,000 to upgrade the heating and cooling system in the high school's Collins Center.

Major was also on the losing side in a 3-2 vote to recommend spending $1.75 million on maintaining town buildings next year, about $300,000 less than he and other officials argued for. Selectman Ray Hender, who was defeated at the polls on Tuesday, also voted against the lower amount.

Major and Finance Committee member Margaret Bradshaw argued against lowering the budget for maintenance of town facilities, saying delayed repairs would add up to greater costs in the future. They also said the town was setting a bad precedent by using the money to increase the school budget. "I realize we have to find money for our schools," Bradshaw said. "I realize that. But we also have to take care of our buildings. That affects education, too."

There was little talk about what is not in either the town manager's or superintendent's recommended budget: salary increase for employees. At a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force last Thursday, Police Chief Brian Pattullo addressed the large budget issue of raises saying, "It's going to be somewhere around 3 percent." Finance Committee chairwoman Joanne Marden quickly responded the town would need an override of Proposition 2½ to provide that increase.

"We're all sitting here in a group hug – let's make decisions," said Pattullo later. On Monday, officials did make some.

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SELECTMEN — 2 FOR 3 YEARS

CANDIDATES	VOTES
Raymond E. Hender	1,604
John P. Hess	★ 1,761
Alex Vispoli	★ 1,960

NEW BOARD RESULT: B. MAJOR, T. TEICHERT, M. LYMAN, J. HESS, A. VISPOLI

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 2 FOR 3 YEARS

CANDIDATES	VOTES
Richard J. Collins	★ 1,576
Tom Deso	1,258
Debra Silberstein	★ 2,491

NEW BOARD RESULT: C. SMITH, A. BARBER, T. JAMES, R. COLLINS, D. SILBERSTEIN

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UNCONTESTED

In uncontested races, Jim Doherty and Jim Cuticchia were returned to the positions of moderator and Housing Authority member, respectively.

Fellow selectmen honor Hender

■ SELECTMEN RACE

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Street residence. "A lot of people told me they would vote for me. I felt comfortable with that. It's great to be in again. I'm looking forward to three more years."

Hess said his plan for the next three years is to "continue to try to work with other boards" and "make sure we communicate move with the citizens."

"Alex Vispoli mentioned he has some ideas about that. (I'm) looking forward to hearing them," said Hess.

Vispoli acknowledged that about two months ago his name was unfamiliar to most Andover residents. He said he worked hard campaigning and had a great team backing him. He said he intends to keep his campaign promises, such as implementing a mid-fiscal year review of town departments. Vispoli said he respects the other selectmen, knows they work hard and is eager to join the team.

"I think the voters made a clear statement that they obviously agree with a fresh prospective," said Vispoli. "I look forward to now sitting on the other side of the table and participating in the debate."

The man who will not be sitting on the board anymore, Ray Hender, was still celebrated for his service as a selectman.

"All the selectmen were here and we just toasted the man with the heart of gold," said Selectman Mary Lyman on her way out of a party at Hender's house on Millstone Circle.

"Ray had a heart of gold and Andover will only know what it had after he's gone. It's a sad way to find out. We are definitely not going to be in the same position."

Many familiar Andover faces could be spotted at Hender's house. Although he may not have been the most popular at the polls, his house was filled with supporters. Selectmen Ted Teichert, Brian Major and Lyman were there. Tina Girdwood, who decided not to run in the election for her School Committee seat, was present, along with School Committee member Tony James and dozens of others.

"They just showed up. They knew I would be home," said Hender.

Though surprised by the outcome, Hender said losing the race will not stop him from actively participating in the town. He said he would not trade his three years as a selectman for anything.

"It's been a big part of my life," said Hender. "I think (the selectmen) will do well. There's a good core and Alex is very capable."

"I think we lose a great asset in Ray. He puts his heart into what he does," said Major adding, "It's great to have someone who's new blood on the board, too."

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

From left, Kathy, John and son Patrick Hess relax after a party with friends and family to celebrate John Hess returning to the Board of Selectmen.

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Ray Hender hugs his wife Diane on Tuesday night, after losing his seat on the Board of Selectmen.

Town clamping down on when information is released?

Following 'ruffled feathers,' decision to keep senior center plans under wraps

By Andrea Gregory and Ben Hellman

It appears town officials are becoming more reluctant to share information prior to meetings.

On Monday, a request to review documents and artist renderings for the proposed senior center project before it was discussed by the selectmen and Finance Committee was denied. Members of the press and public often request the opportunity to look over documents before a presentation.

"We give (the information) out at the meeting. The proper protocol is that my bosses (the selectmen) should get it first," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Stapczynski denied the decision to keep the senior center information under wraps until the meeting had any connection to the recent hubbub over a Finance Committee letter published in the *Townsman*.

The letter was discussed and voted on by the Finance Committee in a meeting last Monday, and a copy of the letter was given to a resident who attended and asked for it. But some officials were bothered because the letter became public before all officials had read it.

The document was an evaluation of Andover's current contract negotiation process and included suggestions for changing the way contracts are negotiated in the future. Excerpts from the letter were printed in an article in the *Townsman* last Thursday, March 18.

"It has ruffled some feathers," said Steve Bucuzzo, assistant town manager. "It's a protocol thing."

Determining when to release information "is a balancing act. We know these are public documents. Elected officials should see them before (the public)," Bucuzzo said. "The public good is not being sacrificed."

At a Strategic Planning Task Force meeting on Friday morning, now former selectmen Ray Hender complained to Finance Committee chairwoman Joanne Marden about her committee releasing the letter to a resident before it reached the town officials it was intended for. Hender said Marden's decision to share the letter had not engendered good will on the other boards. He asked if Marden had to release the document to the public before the boards saw it. Hender did not return a call to the *Townsman* this week to explain his concern.

Marden defended her decision to release the document, saying it was being discussed publicly so she did not have any choice but to share it when a resident asked for a copy.

As for viewing plans before meetings, it's not uncommon for interested parties to do so. Abutters frequently review information on planning and zoning issues. At other committee meetings, packets for the press and public can be available in advance and contain at least some of the information that officials are discussing.

Bucuzzo said planning and zoning scenarios are a little different than other boards' issues since they involve private parties petitioning the town.

"The difference there is that they have plans on file for review. I see a black-and-white difference," said Stapczynski.

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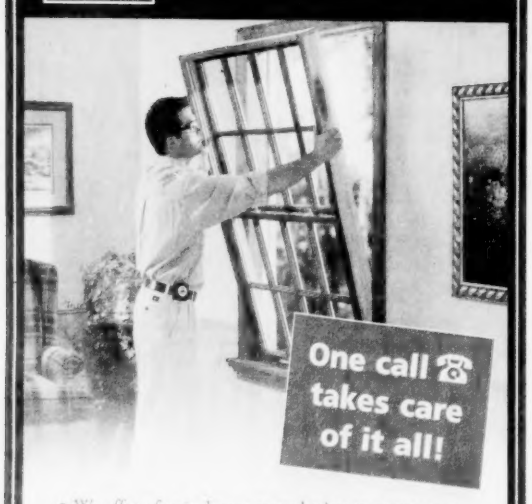

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Silberstein shows the write-in stuff

■ ELECTION

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House in an effort to keep people away, but the move was not necessary as people waited calmly for the results to be posted.

Resident John Salvi counted ballots for precinct 2, the first precinct to announce results for Silberstein. "It was fairly easy," said Salvi. "Almost all the write-ins were Debbie." He said two voters in his precinct had put Silberstein stickers in the selectmen's box. Hanson said any votes for Silberstein placed there counted as write-ins for the selectmen's race and not toward the School Committee race.

Silberstein credited her team with her win. "We had to be incredibly organized and we were," said Silberstein at her victory party at her home on Burton Farm Road. "Everyone in this campaign had incredible positive energy and everyone contributed in some way. We've got a great team in place – I don't know who we'll run (for office) next."

Silberstein campaign manager John Zipeto said part of the challenge in getting support for the campaign was convincing people a sticker campaign could win. Silberstein supporters sent out 10,000 postcards with 10,000 write-in stickers.

"That has to be the most successful sticker campaign," said committee member Tony James. Many of Silberstein's supporters also worked for James in the 2003 election. James had taken much of his support from residents who pushed for the unsuccessful 2002 Proposition 2½ override.

Committee incumbent Collins stood outside Andover High School all day, but did not stay at the polls to see the results. Collins did not attend any parties after the election. He said he had a small group of family and his grandchildren with him at his home. Collins spoke of coming in second in the school race. "(Debra Silberstein) is a fine person. Tom Deso is a fine person too. I'm pleased that I'm still on – that's the big thing, said Collins. "I'll do what's best for the kids for the next three years."

Collins credited Silberstein's win to support from members of the League of Women Voters. "The League of Women Voters is a very strong group," he said.

Silberstein renewed her vow to work towards better communication and represent the whole town. "It's not going to be easy, but I'll do my best," she said. Silberstein said she was ready to get to work.

School challenger Deso had not planned a party or gathering and did not remain at the field house to see exactly how many write-in votes Silberstein collected. He left the polls once it appeared he had lost, smiling and saying, "If I win, give me a call tomorrow."

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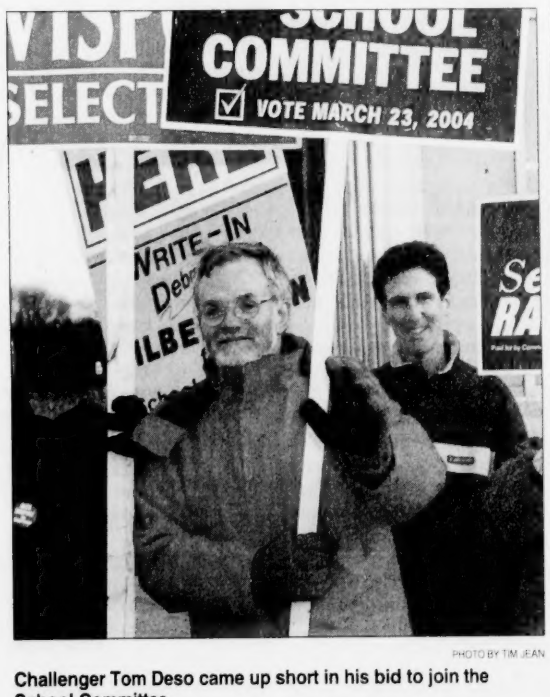
Patrice Minton hands out stickers for the write-in candidate Debra Silberstein during the town elections at Andover High School on Tuesday.



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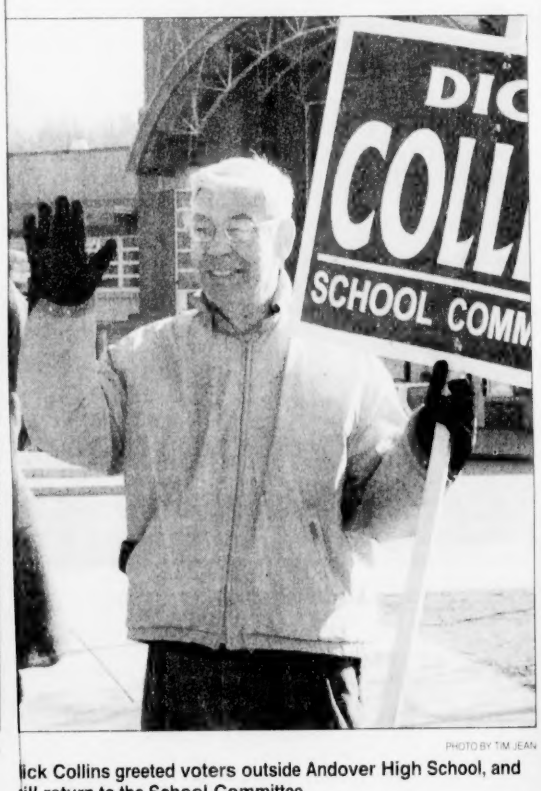
Challenger Tom Deso came up short in his bid to join the School Committee.



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lick Collins greeted voters outside Andover High School, and ill return to the School Committee.

TOWN MEETING

Town officials seek to end publishing warrant in paper

By Andrea Gregory

The selectmen and Finance Committee say there are better ways to spend the town's money than paying to publish the full text of all Town Meeting warrant articles in the newspaper.

Selectmen voted last Monday to endorse Article 15 that would release the town from a bylaw requiring it to publish the entire warrant in the local newspaper, which historically has been the Townsman.

If the article passes, the town will only publish the titles of each article. For instance, instead of publishing the text of an article about the Senior Center Land Transfer, which includes the address and details about the intended use, the town would publish "Article 33: Senior Center Land Transfer."

"I don't know that many people who read the paper version," said Selectman Brian Major at last Monday's meeting.

By the time Major's comment was finished, Alex Driscoll, a Forbes Lane resident who was sitting in the audience, raised her folded copy of the newspaper containing the warrant. Driscoll had brought the copy of the warrant printed in the paper to follow along with the selectmen's discussion on which private warrant articles they planned to recommend approval and disapproval of for the upcoming Town Meeting. Driscoll was one of two or three residents remaining at the meeting when the issue was addressed. *[Ed. note: Driscoll wrote for the* Townsman *during the mid-1990s.]*

Selectmen were not convinced that the price of publishing the warrant is a worthwhile investment for the town.

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said her committee had been studying the same article downstairs in its conference room and agreed with the selectmen's decision to stop publishing the full warrant.

According to Randy Hanson, town clerk, Andover has spent between $6,000 and $10,000 per year to publish the warrant in the newspaper, based on receipts from the last five years.

"I think years ago, when they started it, it was the thing to do," said Hanson.

Hanson said the copies of the warrant are available online, at Memorial Hall Library and at Town Offices. She said copies of the Finance Committee Report – which contain the warrant and many committee recommendations – are mailed to each household. Residents can expect to receive copies of the Finance Committee Report on or about April 16, 10 days before Town Meeting. The text of the warrant was published in the *Townsman* on March 4.

"We're not trying to hide that (warrant information). The information is there. How far can you go? We have gone pretty far in the past, and when we can afford it," said Harold Wright, Finance Committee member.

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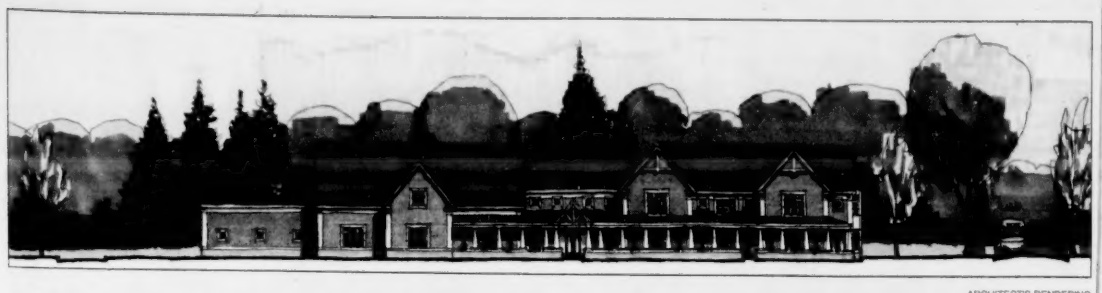

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

Architect's image of how the proposed senior center will look, as viewed from the south side of Doherty Middle School.

Center will cost at least $5.5 million

■ SENIOR CENTER

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$37.66 in FY2007, and then decreasing amounts until 2026.

Like four of the five selectmen, Robb is in favor of borrowing the $350,000 to pay for the architect's design. Major was the lone selectmen to support paying for the design with Free Cash funds. If the town paid for the work out of Free Cash, only a majority vote would be needed at Town Meeting. To authorize bonding for borrowing, a two-thirds vote is required at Town Meeting. Robb said if two-thirds of voters do not back the design work this year, chances are the project would not get the millions needed for construction in the future.

"If we can't get it this year, we're not going to get it next year," said Robb. "And as the phrase goes, 'This may not be the right time.' There comes a time when you have to make a decision. Whether the timing is right or wrong, the timing is now. If we get a two-thirds vote, it tells us something. It doesn't tell us everything."

Selectman Mary Lyman said she thought borrowing the money would be more pleasing to Town Meeting voters than using free cash. "I think if we do the Town Meeting vote this year, we are likely to know where we stand," said Lyman.

Members of the Finance Committee did not take a position on the warrant article Monday night, but did question the total cost the town would absorb after construction. "Yes, this will have an effect on the tax rates," said Robb.

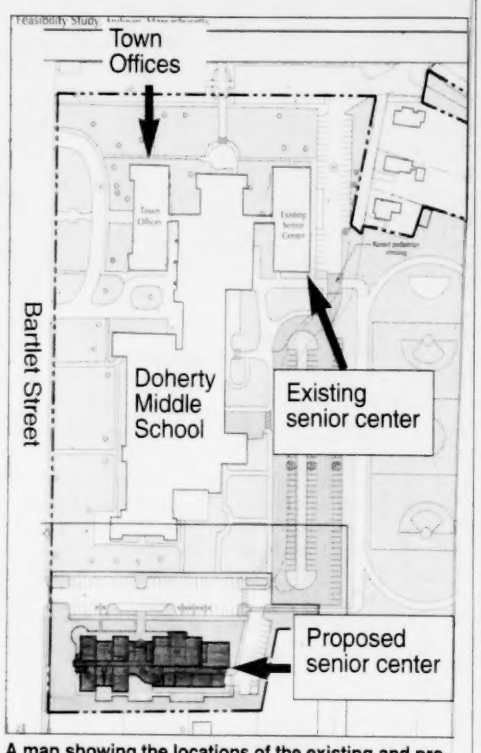
But aside from the cost of construction, Robb believed opening the new center would have little effect on the town's budget. "The staff that we now have is (sufficient) to run this center. The staff can handle the expansion," said Robb. "We will not have to turn people away as we are doing now with many of the programs."

Robb said the senior center currently uses 17 locations in addition to the 11,000 square feet it uses in the school administration building. "What (the new center) does is bring all these programs back in the same space," said Robb.

"Our goal is to serve a growing population. We are going to have more meals. We are going to have a greater need for transportation. Be realistic about operating costs," said Finance Committee member Margaret Bradshaw.

The architect's feasibility study shows estimated operating costs for utilities such as gas, electricity, water and sewer of $1.35/square foot per year, or $37,935 per year. If plans continue to move forward, Andover could have a new senior center by the end of 2006. The concept plans show a two-story 28,100 square foot building that looks much like an oversized house. Robb said the look is very "Andover" and will offer a more inviting feel to seniors in the community.

But Town Meeting voters will have the final say. Robb said he believes a persuasiv argument at Town Meeting will convinc people it is time to move forward with plar for a new senior center. "I believe the town i ready to vote for this project," he said.



A map showing the locations of the existing and proposed senior centers.

Seniors could be exempt from override hikes

Change to state law considered

By Andrea Gregory

If seniors of limited means were exempt from paying for a general Proposition 2½ tax override, would Andover approve such a tax hike for the first time? It is a question the town might be able to answer in the future.

The Massachusetts House has already passed a bill that would allow towns to exempt moderate and low income seniors from paying a higher property tax rate if a town were to approve an override. The Senate has not voted yet on the bill. Gov. Mitt Romney will have 10 days to veto the decision once that happens.

"There are many seniors who can't afford to pay their taxes."

STATE REP. BARBARA L'ITALIEN

The House vote was taken during an informal session during February school vacation and calculated by a voice vote. There is no record of how state representatives voted on the bill, but it was approved and is now in the hands of the senate.

Andover State Rep. Barry Finegold said there were no objections to the bill or to the way the vote was taken. Finegold said he supported the bill because he believed opposing it or even opposing the procedure for measuring its support could have "killed it."

"Right now the bill is moving forward," said Finegold. "So far, nobody is objecting to it, but ultimately, when it comes out people may have reservations about it. It is a very interesting concept. I am definitely in favor of something that will help seniors out. I have not made a final decision on (the bill)."

Generally, controversial topics do not get discussed during informal session, said legislators, and the third week of February is thought to be a "safe" week for legislators to take vacation. Andover State Rep. Barbara L'Italien was on vacation that week. "We're supposed to be assured that controversial items will not come up during informal session," said L'Italien. "Leadership looked at this as noncontroversial and I disagree. It should have gone to a formal session. I think it's got great potential to be controversial."

L'Italien said she likes that the House bill incorporates a local option clause for towns and cities to decide if it is something that works for them. She said the bill is worth considering and is currently part of a package of changes meant to provide seniors property-tax relief. "It gives each community the flexibility to decide what works them," L'Italien said about the entire package.

"There are many seniors who can't afford to pay their taxes. It's important to understand that every community is having difficulty with that," she said.

L'Italien recognized that seniors are "chief" among those opposing overrides, but she could not predict if an override would pass more smoothly if qualified seniors were exempt from a property tax hike.

Andover Sen. Sue Tucker said she is doing her homework before casting a vote in the Senate. She said while the idea is interesting, she worries that it would just shift the brunt of a tax hike from one group of residents to another, and might create problem in and of itself. She said she is looking into how severe the cost would be to other residents if qualified seniors were exempt from an override and an override passed.

Tucker said the way the bill was handled in the House was surprising. She said, normally, during informal sessions controversial topics are not addressed. She said she would have opposed a voice vote and opposed voting on the bill if the Senate had tried to do the same thing during an informal session.

New name for No. Andover?

■ NORTHERN NEIGHBOR

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engine, which was said to be the best one in the north," Mofford said.

Mofford wishes North Andover well with its quest for the name change, but notes "we paid to keep the name."

Andover's selectmen seem to have little interest in the issue.

"They can call it Olde, they can call it North, I don't care," Selectman Ted Teichert said. "It's a name."

"They can do whatever they want," mused Selectmen Chairman John Hess. "I don't think they can get 'Andover' by itself. I don't think they'll get us to change our name."

Selectman Mary Lyman agreed with Hess that North Andover residents have the right to choose pretty much whatever name they want, though she noted that the change "may cause even further confusion" among outsiders who do not realize the two communities are not the same town.

"I would not be in favor of Andover being called South Andover, that's for sure," she said.

Judy Wakefield, Grace Rubenstein and Meir Rinde contributed to this article.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

1646: Andover, including the current towns of Andover and North Andover, is settled with its base in the northern parish's Old Town Center.

1670s: The town passes a law barring more people from settling away from the town center into the southern area of town – now Andover – to keep the center more densely populated to discourage American Indian raids.

1709: The Colony's General Court splits the town into two sections, the North and South parishes, so people in the southern area can have a church and meetinghouse closer to their homes.

1826: The town splits into three parts as the West Parish separates from the South Parish.

1855: The South and West parishes incorporate as their own town, taking the name and town records with them for $500 to $600.

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TOWN MEETING

To gain support, developers to restrict land from ever being used for 40Bs

But legality of new concept is unknown, say town and state officials

By Andrea Gregory

After Town Meeting, two Andover addresses – 459 River Road and 123 Tewksbury St. – could have deed restrictions prohibiting them from ever be used for Ch. 40B affordable housing developments. Whether such restrictions are legally enforceable might still be in question, however.

Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia said the idea was proposed to the board by the developers of the two sites. He said there is some concern about how the restriction would hold up and what would happen if the town ever believed either of the sites was an appropriate location for a 40B project.

"We know it's a new concept," said Salafia. "It would be nice to be able to control things that way, but it's uncharted territory."

Even the State Department of Community Housing and Development said it is hard to predict how effective the deed restrictions would be.

"It's never been done before, so we don't have a formulated answer," said Beth Bresnahan, spokeswoman for DHCD. "This is the first time we have ever heard of this kind of deed restriction. It's never been litigated, so there is no precedent to follow. Without a decision to fall back on, there really is no hard answer."

In towns and cities with less than 10 percent of affordable housing, developers can bypass local zoning regulations in exchange for making 25 percent of the units affordable under Ch. 40B of state law, also known as the "anti-snob zoning law." Andover currently has more than 10 percent affordable housing. But such numbers are bound to change when the next census comes out in 2010. Also, although towns have more leverage over projects once they reach the 10 percent affordable housing figure, they are not exempt from hosting new 40B projects.

Knowing a neighborhood on River Road is currently fighting AvalonBay, a 40B project, 459 River Road developer Ed Doherty offered to amend his warrant article for sewer connection to include a deed restriction on his property. The restriction would theoretically ban a future developer from using his site for a 40B.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the private warrant article that would allow sewer connection to Doherty's site with the condition of a deed restriction prohibiting 40B projects (see sidebar). The board also attached the same condition to its recommendation for Article 48, which asked for sewer connection to 123 Tewksbury St.

Franciscan Center land redux

By Andrea Gregory

If Town Meeting is to grant permission for a new 10-lot subdivision and two existing buildings to connect to sewer lines, it will do so after hearing a warning from town counsel that there are no guarantees about how the land could be developed in the future.

Ed Doherty, a developer from Tewksbury, will return to Town Meeting with a private article that was shot down last year. He has been holding onto his plans to create a 10-lot neighborhood adjacent to the Franciscan Center on River Road. If granted Town Meeting approval, the subdivision, Franciscan Center and Christian Formation Center would receive access to a sewer connection.

Last year, voters rejected a request to allow Doherty's development to connect to sewer via the town entering an agreement with Lowell and Tewksbury. Doherty said last year's Town Meeting decision had a lot to do with "bad luck" since his article followed an emotion battle between River Road residents and AvalonBay, developers of a 40B affordable housing project.

"We were here before you last year, and I think our timing was pretty poor," Doherty told selectmen.

But a year later, selectmen are still thinking about the AvalonBay furor, and it has them a bit hesitant to embrace Doherty's plans this year.

In 1997, Town Meeting gave authorization to the selectmen and town manager to enter into an intermunicipal sewer agreement with Tewksbury and Lowell.

Last year, a group of residents opposed to AvalonBay called Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ) was able to convince enough voters to rescind that 1997 decision. PAZ told Town Meeting voters the purpose of the 1997 article was to benefit the St. Clare sisters, a group of nuns. They were outraged that 40B developer AvalonBay could benefit from the sewer agreement. The neighborhood group appealed the decision and the told Town Meeting the original warrant article had been meant to benefit the nuns, not future developers of the property.

Under Ch. 40B, developers can skirt local zoning regulations in towns and cities with less than 10 percent affordable housing if the developers rent or sell 25 percent of their units below market rate.

"I don't want to see anything like that on this property," said Doherty. "I think what I'm trying to do here is the right thing to do."

He said he hopes enough time has passed for voters to separate his development from AvalonBay, the 40B proposed project across the street from his land.

Doherty is presenting an alternative route for the sewer connection that he hopes will be more pleasing to officials and voters, and help separate his plans even further from the stigma of AvalonBay. Doherty

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Legislators prepared for renewed debate

By Andrea Gregory

Andover legislators describe the ongoing constitutional convention concerning the issue of gay marriage as an emotional battle with no clear resolution in sight. Each of the three, Reps. Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien and Sen. Susan Tucker are against amending the constitution.

The State Supreme Judicial Court ruled 4-3 that gay marriage cannot be banned under the Massachusetts constitution. As of May 17 same-sex couples will be able to legally marry in Massachusetts. If state legislators approve an amendment, it would be up to citizen voters to decide the marriage/civil union issue. But even with the initial acceptance of an amendment, on March 11, how the issue will pan out is still hard for legislators to predict.

"Being at the Statehouse, I've never been around something that is so emotionally charged on both sides," said Rep. Finegold.

"It's fascinating, just hearing people's heart-felt speeches," said Rep. L'Italien. "There are strong feelings on both sides."

Emotional outpourings are expected to continue when the House and Senate pick up the issue again on March 29, 30 and 31. But Andover legislators say it could take longer than those three days to resolve the issue.

"We could again gridlock on this entire thing," said L'Italien. "It's democracy. Democracy is messy. It was never meant to be clean. It's time-consuming, as it should be. I don't think anyone knows what the final outcome will be."

An amendment sponsored by House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President Robert Travaglini made it to a third reading, further than any previous attempt, on Thursday, March 11. The amendment defines marriage as between one man and one woman, but allows for gay couples to enter civil unions, which would have carry the same benefits as a marriage. The final vote of 129-69 gave initial consent to the amendment.

Andover legislators voted along with the majority to pass the amendment during the first two readings, but voted against it during its third reading, in an apparent attempt to quash it.

"I know, for me, I'm against amending the constitution. The first two votes, I see as procedural, and the last vote I see as voting on the issue," said L'Italien.

L'Italien said there is a lot of behind-the-scenes strategizing attached to the debate, and that what looks like flip-flop voting is conceivably done with a specific outcome in mind.

"It's important not to get caught up on each procedural vote. At the end of the day, you have to do what is right," said Finegold. "My preference is not to amend the constitution and to leave it alone. I guess that's the best way to describe my opinion."

If the amendment is voted down next week, the convention would end without putting a question on the ballot. But as of now, there is still time for tweaking, or for other amendments to come forward, said L'Italien.

L'Italien said there are many legislators who do not see a compromise amendment as an option and many who are struggling to put something on a ballot.

"It's incredibly difficult to amend the constitution. Our founding fathers wanted it this way," said Finegold. "The founding fathers wanted it to be a difficult and long process."

E-mails, letters and phone calls continue to flood the elected leaders' offices. L'Italien and Finegold said their constituents seem split on the issue. They acknowledge that there is not an answer that will please everyone.

"I will predict that this entire matter will land in the United States Supreme Court. It's become a national issue," said Sen. Tucker.

Unitarian Congregation

PFLAG chapter launches

By Andrea Gregory

Andover is starting a local Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays chapter.

A group of about 35 people gathered to talk about the formation of the local PFLAG chapter last Friday evening and watch a documentary film about homosexuality and religion at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Rev. Ralph Galen said there are about six members working to launch Andover's PFLAG chapter.

"We are going to provide a launching pad," said Galen, who will monitor the local chapter. "A lot of PFLAG is support and taking people by the hand. We welcome all those to come who are interested in a PFLAG chapter serving the Merrimack Valley. I have high hopes for PFLAG."

Galen said with the topic of gay marriage and gay rights being debated at the Statehouse, it is an appropriate time to create a "safe haven" for people to share their stories and experience with others.

"Sometimes it just takes another person to tell your story to, and then a huge weight is lifted," he said. "For most of society, we are realizing that society is evolving. This is a culture based on meeting your soul mate."

As a supporter of gay marriage and equal rights, Galen praises Andover's legislators for their actions during the constitution convention.

"We've been proud of the legislators who have held strong," he said. "I really think it's nonsense to restrict the constitution. Live and let live."

The first official PFLAG gathering will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation located at 6 Locke St. on April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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Education

Progress check Tuesday, March 30

DOE site visit to AHS planned

By Ben Hellman

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PLANS to visit Andover High School next Tuesday, March 30, to check Andover's progress in meeting the state's class-time mandate. DOE representatives are expected to check student schedules and make sure Andover High is following the plan it submitted to the state in December.

Meanwhile, AHS Parent Advisory Council president Ellen Travers said she has been pleased with the steps the school department has taken to meet the state mandate and improve the level of service to Andover High students. Travers said her son was choosing courses this week, for September. He was required to sign up for 7.5 credits and could select courses worth eight credits if he wanted.

"This is restoring (Andover High School) to what it was two years ago. What else could we possibly ask for? I'm thrilled," said Travers.

The DOE ordered Andover to increase classroom hours at Andover High in December 2003 after it learned students were not all receiving the required 990 hours of class time per year. Superintendent Claudia Bach worked with AHS Principal Peter Anderson to draft a plan that included hiring new teachers and changing Andover's study halls to "directed studies," which count toward learning time.

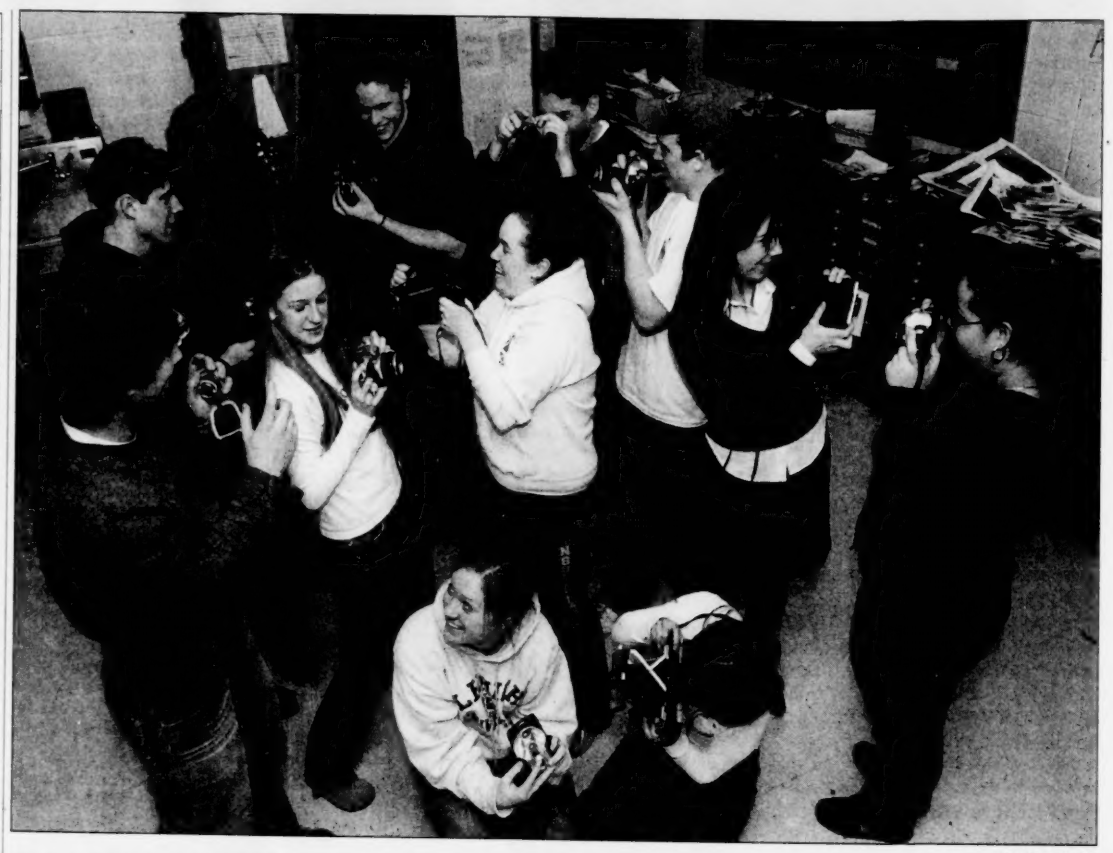
Anderson said Tuesday night he had not yet received a phone call from David Keeler, supervisor of program quality assurance services for the state. To prepare for the vist, Keeler was expected to request:

- The total number of days scheduled in the current academic year;
- The start and end time of the instructional day;
- The length of each class or other structured learning opportunity;
- The length of time each day that does not count toward class time;

Anderson said the DOE has been "very picky" in how it is reviewing his alternative credit opportunities for students. John Stager, administrator for program quality assurance, sent 14 questions asking about Anderson's alternative credit program, which has some students in internships, some working on senior exhibitions, and others working in the community on various projects.

Stager, in a letter sent Monday, March 1, discerned between community service, which is not allowed to count towards class hours, and community service "learning," which may be counted for up to 20 hours.

Stager requested additional information on most of Andover's plan to meet the state mandate.



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Students (both photos) in this independent study at Andover High have submitted their work in a photo exhibit at Starbucks Coffee on Main Street. In no particular order are: Jeanne Lothrop, Lindsey Timko, Peter Michelinie, Jimmy Green, Lauren Hayes, Jason Edelstein, Jaynie Trageser, Ritni Mathias, Ivelisse Ramos, Sriram Ramgopal, Corey Prussman, and photography teacher Jonathan Wachs (in back, center).

Seeing what develops

Class, teacher continue education on their own time

By Ben Hellman

PICTURE THIS: 11 students working on their own time with a teacher during his free period. That is what has developed at Andover High School, where 11 photography students and their teacher seem to have made the most of a less-than-desirable situation.

When both of Andover High School photography teacher Jonathan Wachs' advanced photography classes were cut last year because of budget constraints, Wachs said he considered leaving his job.

Instead, he found a way to keep his job rewarding by helping students work on advanced projects.

Instead of being in study halls, students now work with Wachs on independent studies or just for their own satisfaction, and some students assist him as student teachers.

The students' photographic work is now being shown at Starbucks Coffee on Main Street, and will hang at Starbucks through Monday, March 29.

"This is why I'm here," Wachs said during his free period, gesturing to students around him who were matting their work, showing each other their camera features and asking him advice about their freshly developed prints. "It kind of took the sting out of losing good programs," said Wachs.

The students working during "Block Four" – a class period at AHS, but also the title of the Starbucks exhibition – have completed the basic photography class since the beginning of last school year. Senior Lindsey Timko is working on a series of ballet photos she has altered on a computer to look like colored pencil drawings. She could not complete the project to her satisfaction during her class last semester. "I felt we didn't get to do it long enough. I was in the middle of a project when it ended," said Timko.

Senior Pete Michelinie is free fourth block because he is working on a senior exhibition, but he chooses to spend time at the photo lab. He has spent time student teaching and studying independently with Wachs, but said an official advanced photography class would allow students to go further with their work.

"We all did a lot of work ourselves, but we could have done a lot more with a class," said Michelinie.

Wachs said every year he has students win awards and continue their photographic work in college. This year senior Sriram Ramgopal said he had work win awards in a Boston newspaper's Scholastic Art Contest. One photo and his portfolio will be judged in a national competition in New York in April.

Ramgopal will take a science major in

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ON CAMPUS

Andover students who qualified for the dean's list for the 2003 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst include the following: **Jennifer Aronson**, 9 Teaberry Lane; **Lauren Becker**, 5 Brentwood Circle; **Crina Boeras**, 326 South Main St.; **Gina Christiano**, 126 Lowell St.; **Brian Crowley**, 9 Roulston Circle; **Sheila Danaher**, 5 Patriot Drive; **Corey Dennis**, 9 Belle-Haven Drive; **Patrick Dolan**, 55 Rocky Hill Road; **Chanel Figueredo**, 51 Corbett St.; **Ashley Floreen**, 12 Smithshire Estates; **Evan Greenspan**, 49 Cross St.; **Amanze Ibe**, 9 Ravens Bluff; **Elaine Kazakevich**, 26 Farwood Drive; **Tammy Linn**, 57 Stevens St.; **Sean MacKay**, 21 Fossen Way; **Yutaka Maki**, 32 Marland St.; **Gregory Martin**, 9 Knollcrest Drive; **Ruth McGrotty**, 5 Cheyenne Circle; **Kelly McLaughlin**, 113 Bailey Road; **Kendra Mcdade**, 27 Bannister Road; **Anne Muzere**, 10 Crescent Drive; **Catherine Newman**, 148 Main St.; **Owino Ongondo**, 394 North Main St.; **Nicholas Pelletier**, 24 Woodhaven Drive; **Michael Pescatore**, 18 Belknap Drive; **Lindsey Retelle**, 82 Bellevue Road; **Emily Rice**, 337 Salem St.; **Caitlin Rubenstein**, 12 Dascomb Road; **Ryan Slavin**, 13 Woodhaven Drive; **Leah Spires**, 37 Greenwood Road; **Susan Teperow**, 11 Rindge Road; **Matthew Tritter**, 123 Chestnut St.; **Deanna Vasilakis**, 60 Pleasant St.; and **Mohini Venkatesh**, 6 Bridle

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Students named to Phillips Academy winter honor roll

Phillips Academy has announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the winter term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale.

Class of 2004

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Benjamin Bloom
Margaret Dallett
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Michelle Easton
Abhinay Eswarappa
Leon Fay
James Feigenbaum
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Emily Guerin
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Jessica Hsiao
Alanna Hughes
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Katherine Nelson
Natasha Pakravan
Catherine Papez
Leah Russell
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Ilana Segall
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Rachel Shack
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Pooja Sripad
Margaret Sullivan
Alex Thorn
Arianna Warsaw-Fan
Abigail Weiner
Amy Yang

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Katherine Dix
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Anthony Christiano
Andrea Coravos
Michael Galaburda
Rebecca Howe
Andrew Hsiao
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Faaez Jafarey
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Sarah Linnemann
Julia Littlefield
Domenica MacNaughton
Pumelele Maqubela
Anastasia Scott
Ali Siddiqi
Kate Therkelsen
Jennifer Wang
Samuel Weiss

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Morgan Broccoli
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Samuel Gould
Courtney Harris
Yunsoo Kim
James Krendel-Clark
Benjamin Landy
Stephanie Marton
Katharine Matsumoto
Katherine Morris
Michael Naughton
Meghan O'Connor
Rachel Rauh
Karen Schoenherr
Martin Serna
Eliot Shimer
Hasan Siddiqi
Matthew Skinner
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Path Road.

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Adam P. Charron, son of Phillip and Linda Charron of 2 Sandalwood Lane, graduated in May 2003 with a bachelor of architecture degree from Syracuse University, New York.

He is currently employed as a project manager with EMRG Inc. in Boston.

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Merrimack College recently announced those students named to the college's fall 2003 dean's list.

Andover residents on the Merrimack College dean's list are **Amy Brennan**, sociology; **Virginia Carroll**, fine arts; **Allison Corey**, french; **Paul D'Ambrosio**, philosophy; **Nicole Festa**, communication study; **Demetra Grenier**, business administration; **Sean Lawton**, business administration; **Yen Nguyen**, chemistry; **Jennifer Roberge**, sociology; **Caitlin Sermos**, business administration; **Vikram Singh**, political science; **Keri Walsh**, psychology; **Marrissa Wolfe**, sociology; and **Bruno Zanotti**, sports medicine.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum of 3.25 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading system.

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Six Andover residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include **Xiaoyan Chen, Adele T. Galebach, Nicholas J. Sharis, Philip J. Shaw, Shilpa Srinivasan** and **Gillian C. Wang**.

HILL ON THE HILL

YMCA Student Government Day delegate Meghan Hill (center) of Andover is congratulated at the Statehouse by state Sen. Sue Tucker (left) and state Rep. Barbara L'Italien, both of Andover.

PHOTO BY MARK KASIANOWICZ

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 29 – April 2:

Elementary schools

Monday: Two tacos with rice and salsa, nachos with taco meat and cheese, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Beef-filled raviolis with roll, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chefs choice, mozzarella sticks with fries, pizza ring, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Corn dog with fries, french toast with sausage, chicken nuggets with corn, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Chicken fajitas with rice, hot dog with fries, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Oven-baked chicken with potato and cranberry sauce, stuffed crust pizza, nachos with taco meat and cheese sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Beef-filled raviolis, two hot dogs with chips, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Rotini ilio olio, bakery pizza, mozzarella sticks with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Pork chops with mashed potato, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Fried chicken with corn, top your own tacos, corn dog with fries, fruit veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: French toast and sausage, macaroni and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two hot dogs with chips, bakery pizza, rotini olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Beef-and-cheese sub with chips, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Barbecued chicken with potato, top your own taco, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Fish-and-chips, spaghetti and meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

SCHOOL TALK

Andover School of Montessori had two teams participating in the 2004 Destination Imagination (DI) tournament held Saturday, March 13 at Andover High School.

The team pictured at right put on a play under the "Cartoon Characters" division. Performing on stage, from left, are **Asdis Olafsdotir**, **Marie Wilson** of Andover, **Tia Bakhshi**, **Renee LaMontagne**, **Hannah Bordogna** of Andover, **Meera Bhan** of Andover, and **Laura Ippolito** of Andover.

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As part of a school-wide competition, students at Meritor Academy in Middleton have been selected to compete in a state handwriting contest, sponsored by Zaner-Bloser, a publisher of handwriting texts.

Sam Malakovskiy, a student in **Phillip Chevalier's** fourth-grade class, and **Sarah Logan**, a student in **Susan Midlarsky's** sixth-grade class, all of Andover, were selected as winners in the school-wide competition. The two winners will now compete for the title of state champion.

State champions will receive framed champions' certificates and engraved rosewood pens. State champions will then compete for the title of national champion.

Honorable-mention awards went to second-grader **Christopher McKenna**, third-grader **Andrew Logan**, and fourth-grader **Lindsay Zucchino**, all of Andover.

According to Meritor's principal and local resident **Janis Baron**, "With easy access to technology, the importance of legible handwriting is often overlooked. We encourage our students to take great pride in their work as well as in the way that they present it."

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The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association has begun its 2004 season with many informative events scheduled, according to organizers.

The group, in its 25th year, offers music teachers the opportunity to grow professionally through lectures, and workshops, student master classes and recitals. Its goal is to encourage and stimulate musical and artistic growth among students.

This year's schedule includes programs on "Jazz Improvisation," "The Russian Style of Teaching," and a review of piano repertoire for different levels of student ability. Student performance opportunities include a Halloween recital for younger piano students, a winter recital for all ages and a master class for advanced piano students.

The MVMTA welcomes new members. For more information, contact **Jody Brickman** of Andover, president, at 978-470-3509.

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Children's Studio for the Arts, entering its 11th season, is devoted to the exploration of the visual arts, drama, music, and dance/movement.

The full-day program, running July 12-30, offers students entering grades 2 through 6 a focused opportunity to develop an appreciation of the arts and to participate in artistic expression while developing and refining skills and talents.

CSA is sponsored by DCS, where registration is ongoing. Call 978-623-8833 Ext. 1005 for more information.

An Andover School of Montessori team takes part in the 2004 Destination Imagination tournament at Andover High earlier this month. The team was in the "Cartoon Characters" division.

Sam Malakovskiy and Sarah Logan, both of Andover, were selected as winners in Meritor Academy's school-wide handwriting competition and will now compete for the title of state champion.

Seeing what develops

■ PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

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college, but said photography is now in his blood. "Even when I don't have my camera, I'm kind of looking for good pictures to shoot," said Ramgopal. "I don't see myself (in the future) as a professional photographer, but I definitely see myself as a photographer."

Wachs said the town should decide what kind of arts education it wants to offer students. Wachs started at AHS nine years ago and his position was part-time.

Since then, Andover High students became interested enough in photography to make Wachs a full-time teacher. In addition to Photography I, Andover High began offering Advanced Photography and Portfolio, a class for students who were interested in submitting their work to colleges.

These last two classes were among the classes that were cut last year.

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Opinion

BEING OPEN

For elected, the challenge begins now

EVERY YEAR, CHALLENGERS FOR OFFICE say they are running to open communication between town boards and residents.

When Tina Girdwood first ran for School Committee in 1995, she did so with the idea of opening communication. Many of her supporters believed the existing committee was too unwilling to communicate. At one point, a member of that board brought an egg timer to a meeting and suggested limiting each resident's discussion time to three minutes.

During her time on the board, Girdwood did open communication, particularly between various boards in town. Nevertheless, nine years later, as she leaves the School Committee, she has seen two challengers for her vacated seat calling for more open communication. Many of their supporters point to an agreement to extend the superintendent's contract, which was signed in a secret session – a decision not shared with the public – and say this year's committee was too unwilling to communicate.

Why does it seem as if many officials are considered to be less than forthcoming? One theory is that some officials become gun shy about sharing information after they are hammered by the public on a few issues. If this is true, newly elected leaders must be vigilant to not let this happen to them. Occasional controversy is a fact of life for those in office.

Running a successful campaign when one is a "relative newcomer" to town – or running a write-in campaign at any time – is a difficult task. But providing information at every possible juncture, even when officials know the information will be unpopular and upset residents, is more difficult. We wish challengers Debra Silberstein and Alex Vispoli good luck with their effort, and are confident the public will hear from them often. The overwhelming support they received at the polls on Tuesday should remind them about why people selected them for their committees in the first place.

Web question

Time to end Bazaar Days?

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: Andover's Board of Health is requiring PTOs to train members as "certified food protection managers and take other special steps before serving food at certain school functions. Is this overkill?

29 people voted.

• 26, or 90 percent, said "Yes, for years school parents have been serving food to raise money, make school parties fun and make parent gatherings more welcoming and enjoyable. This is ridiculous."

• No one said "Yes, this is one more way for the town to make it tougher for parents trying to raise money for their children's public educations."

• 2, or 7 percent, said "No, we live with food protections in every other walk of life. To put kids in harm's way is just bad policy. "

• 1, or 3 percent, said "Other."

This week's *Townsman* Web-site question is: **Main Street will not close down for the traditional weekend festival that has taken place over Father's Day weekend for more than 20 years. Bazaar Days is over. Downtown merchants say the event is not what it once was and hurts business. Do you agree that Bazaar Days has passed its prime?**

• Yes, 10 years ago the Bazaar Days was exciting, but now it is just a shoe sale and a pain if you are trying to get through downtown.

• Yes, I think many business owners have put up with the Andover celebration for years. If the majority of them say Bazaar Days just isn't worth it, they are probably correct.

• No, Bazaar Days is a piece of Andover's identity. These type of community events are what sets Andover apart from other towns and make it a great place to live.

• No, I think it's sad that there will not be a Bazaar Days this year. I wish people would reconsider.

• Other.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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IT'S LIKE THE S.A.T.S

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Martha Giguere shows her daughter, Danielle, 17, how simple it is to vote. Danielle will be voting in this year's presidential election.

LETTERS

Judge not lest...

Editor, ***Townsman:***

After many weeks of reading pro/con gay marriage letters, I must observe: Many people on both sides seem to forget that the moment you judge someone else for their views you've given approval for people to be judgmental.

Phil Lamoreaux
8 Henderson Ave.

Focus on issues, not each other

Editor, ***Townsman:***

I usually enjoy reading the op-ed page of our community's paper. No matter what my personal stance or opinion is I find intelligent mature and respectful letters to the editor enlightening. The op-ed page is a wonderful opportunity to voice our opinions and for a reader too not only validate their own opinion, but also to ponder and even understand an opponent's position.

I applaud and thank authors, on both sides of any issue, for going public. It is not easy for a writer to put their name and opinions in print for public view and debate. However, a weekly paper mandates a one-week time delay for each opponents "point counterpoint." Therefore, a local town ed-op page is not a successful venue for a focused debate between individual parties or for the *Townsman*'s readers.

Sex, religion and politics are a volatile mixture. Gay marriage, for some, is a religious or personal issue. Considering that, I still find some of these letters to be inappropriate. Emotional or personal attacks on the opponent or the opponent's previous letter(s) may sell papers, but are rarely effective or productive.

Our town has grown, but we are not disconnected. These brave writers are somebody's relative, neighbor or friend and, usually, they are all our fellow residents. As members of our community, we need to rise above our differences and learn to understand or at least respect each other.

I encourage others to stand up and write to the editor, but should we target any individual author or their letters in a local town paper? If the ed-op page continues to be a time-delayed aggressive debate, spiked with personal attacks it will discourage open, fair and balanced discourse. Furthermore, it will not only dishearten writers, but ultimately readership. I respectfully request that letters to the editor focus upon the author's opinion about an issue rather than upon an individual opponent or their previous letter(s).

Annette Grams
28 Corbett St.

SENIOR CENTER

Task Force member: We hope to open doors in 2007

Editor, ***Townsman:***

People who have lived in Andover a while have probably heard talk of a much needed, larger senior center. Although various groups over the years have spent time trying to move this vision ahead, for one reason or another their attempts have not been successful. Meanwhile, the senior population and the need for more space has continued to grow. In recent years, the residents of Andover have funded numerous building projects including two new schools and a new safety center. Despite the financial constraints on the town, the majority of those at Town Meeting believed in the need for these projects and thus forged ahead. Lucky for us, the senior population in Andover has continued to pay taxes in support of these large building projects. It's time the seniors got the space they truly need. Residents who are not convinced that the senior programming needs more space should take a tour of the existing senior center at 36 Bartlet St. and decide for themselves.

I have been involved with the Senior Center Task Force for the past two years because I believe in this cause. A thorough search was conducted to find a location for a new senior center and the possibility of adding to the existing center was also considered. Valuable input was received from other groups in town, as well as residents and an architectural design firm. The process has remained open to anyone wanting to comment or contribute. All of our meetings have been posted publicly. We have worked hard to keep our lines of communication open all through the process and will continue to do so going forward. I have served on many committees in my life and I have yet to see one that has followed a more thorough process than the one used with this group.

Our hopes are to have a new center open its doors in 2007. For this to become a reality, we need residents' support now. We understand the financial concerns in town and are not looking for full funding this year, but we are looking for support to continue moving ahead with the design phase. I ask people to show their support at Town Meeting in April.

Tracy Callahan
6 David Drive

Give a call: Business castoffs can help our schools

Editor, ***Townsman:***

In an effort to help supplement the school budget, I would like to ask the parents of Andover to check with their respective employers to determine if there is a program for gifts or contributions to non-profit organizations. My company does have such a program for assistance in the acquisition of computer equipment and peripherals. I am currently working with a member of the Andover High School staff to replace some of the non-functioning computers and printers in his department so that this money will not need to come out of next year's budget.

Last year, due to excessive layoffs in my company, I was able to gather approximately $600 to $700 worth of stationary, file hanging folders, transparencies, staplers, and other items that were being cleaned out of vacated offices and heading for the trash. These items were still in good (or even new) condition. I was happy to drop off the entire collection to one of the schools.

I am now volunteering to coordinate similar activities between parents – or anyone else who might like to support this effort – and the Andover High School staff. Hopefully, other people will volunteer to do the same for the other schools in town.

People interested in participating can check with their employer to determine the type of equipment or service their company would be willing to provide. They can forward that information to me by calling my home (a published number), or send an e-mail to SallyFabian@comcast.net. I will compare people's information to a list of needs provided by the AHS staff. If there is a match, I will put the respective persons in contact with each other and then it will be up to those people to complete the process for their particular company.

Residents should try to free up some of the funds that are normally used to pay for equipment and supplies so we can bring back staff and programs that have been cut due to budget constraints.

Sally E. Fabian
143 Chestnut St.

Don't scapegoat, stereotype in gay-marriage debate

Editor, ***Townsman:***

I have been reluctant to write a letter concerning the debate over same sex marriage, in part, because one letter writer is a neighbor who I have had a casual friendship with for many years. However, in reading her last letter, which if the topic weren't so serious, would be almost comical, I had to respond.

I'm disturbed by the notion that some people believe homosexual partners will in fact encourage their children to be homosexuals. Almost all the people I know who are homosexual had heterosexual parents. Oh no, does that mean that Dick Cheney is really a homosexual? After all, he does have an openly gay daughter. And why didn't the *New York Times* pick up this juicy tidbit about our vice president? Oh, I forgot, the well-funded homosexual rights groups influence the media. Sounds familiar to what has been said about other groups in the past. But I hope people realize that broad generalizations can be dangerous and hurtful.

I'm also a little confused about the notion of civil rights being granted by a "creator." Doesn't government grant civil rights? And the question of homosexuality being a choice – it is believed by most that it is not a choice, but I will concede there is no definitive evidence one way or the other. But not that long ago – and to some people still – evolution was questioned, too. And not that long ago, women were property and interracial marriage was outlawed.

As for society collapsing, over the centuries many great civilizations and societies have ceased to exist. Was it because of homosexuality – which has been around for thousands of years? I don't think so. Was it because of greed and avarice – do the names Enron, Tyco and Haliburton ring a bell? Was it due to governments and rulers oppressing people because of ethnicity, race, sexual orientation or political beliefs? Last I looked, we did business with many governments who fit that bill. To say spiritual and sexual immorality, as defined by a certain group, caused the downfall of great societies is too simplistic and inaccurate.

I believe opponents of same sex marriage are not bad or evil people. They have their belief system and their own moral compass and I applaud them because our society will only survive as long as we respect that people have different views and

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LETTERS

Recycling saves substantial sums

Editor, *Townsman:*

Andover residents recycled 3,700 tons of materials during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2003, and by doing so kept these materials out of the incinerator while saving $555,000 in disposal tip fees. In addition, the town received a credit of $31,000 from the sale of recycled newspaper – for a total savings of $586,000. On the expense side of the ledger, Andover spent $330,000 for collecting recyclables. So our curbside recycling program saved Andover $256,000 last year. We did well – but Andover can save more money if we all recycle more.

Andover Recycling Committee:
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Rock O Dundee Road
Jim Curtis, Chester Street
Jamie Doucett,
Lincoln Street
Sharon Magnuson,
Old South Lane
Joyce Ringleb,
Sweetbriar Lane
Glenn Rogers,
Cameron Road
Lisa Treadwell,
Farrwood Drive

Bush should be censured for war

Editor, *Townsman:*

This past Friday marked the first anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, and I believe it is time the media and citizens of this fine country speak out in protest of the entire mess the Bush administration and Republicans in Congress got us into. Please keep in mind these few things:

We were informed the primary reason for going to war was the search and destruction of the weapons of mass destruction, an argument quickly losing integrity, and one that many didn't believe from day one.

Members of the Bush administration had the Iraq War on their agenda years before George W. Bush was appointed president. Yet, if you recall, the Joint Chiefs of Staff – who know something about the reality of war – were far more cautious about launching the attack. Desert Storm commander Norman Schwarzkopf publicly voiced the concerns of many in the military.

The Bush administration has not been up front with the American people about the reasons for going to war, or about the costs of the war. Bush said the United States "must not ignore the threat gathering against us. Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof – the smoking gun – that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud. We have every reason to assume the worst, and we have an urgent duty to prevent the worst from occurring."

Ironically, CIA Director George Tenet said recently, "Let me be clear: analysts differed on several important aspects of these programs, and those debates were spelled out in the estimate. They never said there was an 'imminent' threat."

The Bush administration needs to accept accountability for its actions, rather than looking for congratulations from Congress. Congress has the responsibility to hold Bush accountable for his actions, and should censure him for misleading the American people. His administration and the Republican Congress would be wise to remember, he was not elected by a majority of Americans.

Mark Towner
Lincoln Street

Time to end frustrating delays

Editor, *Townsman:*

There is a warrant article to pave the way for the building of a new senior center for Andover's rapidly growing senior population. I wholeheartedly support this effort. My mother was greatly helped by the center while she strived to live an independent life in Andover. She was cared for by two of the most compassionate and professional women I have ever met, Kathy Urquhart and Marion Aziz, who run the adult day care unit. Their gift of support, warmth and true understanding of her physical and mental needs literally helped keep her alive.

During this time, I worked for several years to help build a new center as a member of the Council on Aging. As many residents no doubt aware, there have been many frustrating delays. The town's demographic clearly now shows that the baby boomers will be soon coming to the senior center, and we are way behind schedule to build a facility to accommodate their needs. In the town's collective wisdom we have met the needs of our children by expanding the high school, building two new schools, and building a new public safety center. It is now time to step up to the plate and build a center that honors and serves Andover's seniors. I hope Andover votes loud and clear. It's high time.

William T. Ryan
53 School St.

No respect

Editor, *Townsman:*

In reference to Margaret Bernal's letter of March 18 about the senior center, I disagree with the statement "the staff is superb, across the board, treating all participants with respect and dignity." I was not treated with respect and dignity by the "superb staff" and neither was the bridge group. The bridge group is happy now that they are not at the senior center.

Eve Perry
22 Railroad St.

Center keeps seniors active

Editor, *Townsman:*

I am writing in response to the recent article about the new senior center. I spend much of my time participating in senior center activities. I am chairman of the Men's Group, part of the cable-television group that produces "There Is Something About Andover" and am a member of the Sunrise Singers Chorus. As readers may know, the Sunrise Singers have been invited to go to England to perform.

The center is a vital part of my life. Those of us who actively use the center realize the limitations of our present quarters and hope the new center will be part of our lives in the near future. I hope the citizens of Andover recognize that the seniors are an active part of our community and the center helps keep us that way.

John Andreadis
21 Korinthian Way

Senior Center is for families, too

Editor, *Townsman:*

I've had a chance to see the preliminary plans for the new senior center, and I'm really impressed. I'm the mother of three young children, so I'm naturally concerned about our schools, but I have also been a caregiver to an elderly relative, and I know what a difference good senior center facilities can make, not only for the elderly, but for their families as well.

In our concern about funding all town projects appropriately, I hope we'll keep in mind the needs of our senior population. This is a project the town should have completed several years ago. Let's not have any more delays.

Kate Currie
36 York St.

What gives Mass. appeal?

Editor, *Townsman:*

I am an eight-grader at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, Calif. I am currently doing a school project that entails planning a vacation to your lovely state. I would greatly appreciate any information or memorabilia that readers could send me. I am interested in family activities, interested historical sites and unique artifacts that make your state special.

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Accept others' differences

■ SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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different lifestyles. Our country was founded not only on the basis of religious beliefs, but on the evolved basis of tolerance for the beliefs and practices of others who were different than the founding fathers. If a person does not believe in same-sex marriage, then they should not marry someone of the same sex, but I ask them not to judge, moralize, generalize, deny or malign others for the hand they were dealt or choices they make in their lives. Just accept, rejoice, respect and love people for their differences – those are the values that make societies thrive and makes our country strong.

Sherry Nadworny
8 Rogers Brook East

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to nfater@andovertownsman.com, and sent as text in an e-mail, not as an attachment. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

NEWS

As seen through a window at the site of the fire, an Andover firefighter helped extinguish a fire on Wethersfield Drive on Friday.

Friday night fire on Wethersfield

By Ben Hellman

An alert neighbor and quick response from the Andover Fire Department saved a home on Wethersfield Drive Friday night, say fire officials. The homeowners were out when the fire occurred and no one was injured.

State Police relayed a 911 call from a resident on Wethersfield Drive after he smelled smoke and investigated. "It was a chilly night, so he thought it was from a chimney," said Andover Deputy Chief James Dolan. Dolan said the resident turned on his lights, saw something was wrong and called 911.

The blaze was confined to the upstairs and attic areas of 11 Wethersfield Drive, but managed to burn through the roof, said Dolan. "The first responders did a great job in containing the fire," said Dolan. He said there was extensive fire and water damage in the upstairs and in the upstairs bathroom.

Judith Morton said she and her husband David Morton had just returned from out of town and were still evaluating the damage.

It was a two-alarm fire which means all on-duty personnel were sent to fight the blaze.

Firefighters from North Reading, Tewksbury and Lawrence came to Andover in case another fire broke out in town before the Wethersfield Drive fire was put out.

Sewer link sought

■ RIVER ROAD PROPERTY

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told selectmen he would be willing to allow the connection to go through property he owns in Tewksbury instead of tapping into the line AvalonBay would use.

Doherty also told selectmen he is willing to amend his article to prohibit a 40B project from being built on the site *(see related story)*. But even with Doherty's repeated attempts to communicate that he is not interested in developing a 40B project, officials say there are no guarantees with 40Bs.

"When it comes to 40Bs, I can make no assurances," said Tom Urbelis, town counsel. "I applaud you on your effort. It's a creative effort."

Doherty said he plans to build his neighborhood with or without Town Meeting approval. He said the ground on his property has been tested and he will be allowed to install septic systems. However, using sewers is a more environmentally friendly and cost efficient technique, he said.

Last year, Doherty had plans to help an autistic school move to Andover. The school would have occupied the Christian Formation Center. He said the school could not wait another year to see if the town would allow sewer to the site. Doherty said he is delaying negotiations with other schools. The existing buildings must be used for religious or educational uses.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, March 19 – At 1:23 p.m., Felix Leonce, 41, of 70 North Main St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

Saturday, March 20 – At 4:38 p.m., Elisandro Perez, 24, of 10 Jones Terrace, Lynn, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 8:29 p.m., Marcello Lomagno, 16, of 5 Snow Drive, Westford, was arrested and charged on a warrant with breaking and entering at night time.

Monday March 22 – At 10:13 a.m., Marcos Goncalves, 29, of 158 Branch St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license.

At 1:15 p.m., Kristian Lombari, 26, of 8 Alvin St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

THEFTS

Friday, March 19 – At 2:13 p.m., an employee reported cash stolen from her on Shattuck Road.

Saturday, March 20 – At 4:15 p.m., a North Main Street business reported a theft from the store and she had a suspect in mind.

Tuesday, March 23 – At 1:18 p.m., Gayle Hurd from Action for Results, a business consulting firm at 200 Andover St., came to the station to report the payroll company used by Action for Results had taken $30,000 from her company. Police said the matter was still under investigation and it might be a matter for the Attorney General's office to handle.

BREAKS

Monday March 22 – At 12:55 p.m., a North Main Street apartment was reportedly broken into and a DVD player and some jewelry was stolen. A window in the back appeared to be the point of entry.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 18 – At 3:01 p.m., a female caller reported a fight at Friendly's restaurant on North Main Street.

At 10:02 p.m., a North Main Street woman got her hand caught between two pieces of machinery and was transported to the hospital.

Saturday, March 20 – At 6:24 p.m., a pharmacist on Main Street reported receiving an altered prescription.

Sunday, March 21 – At 12:36 a.m., a 19-year-old male slit his wrists with a razor blade after an argument. He was transported to the hospital.

Monday March 22 – At 8:49 a.m., a Lowell Street resident reported that someone was taking her mail from her mailbox.

Tuesday, March 23 – At 9:36 a.m., an employee in Town Offices reported that a man wearing a tan trench coat and carrying a black poodle wanted to speak to the animal control officer about another dog.

At 2:13 p.m., a woman called to report she locked her baby in a running car.

At 3:50 p.m., a resident reported some kids on Chestnut Street that looked ready to throw snowballs at cars.

At 7:06 p.m., a student reported her wallet taken from her locker at school.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 18 – At 8:05 p.m., on Lowell Street, a Boston Sports Club member returned to his car to find his window smashed. Police said several other cars had windows smashed.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, March 18 – At 5:57 a.m., a caller reported a car went into a pond at Vicor on Federal Street. The woman driving the car was pulled out of the water and brought into Vicor's lobby. Injuries were reported and the Andover Fire Department responded.

At 7:55 a.m., there were multiple reports of an accident on Shawsheen Road. Injuries were reported.

VANDALISM

There were two reports of vandalism.

COMPILED BY BEN HELLMAN

COURTESY PHOTO

Russell and Brenda Cox on their wedding day, New Year's Eve 1997.

Hike turns tragic

■ THE COXES

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very engaging once you got talking with her," Helen Waller said. "She talked about her family in Minnesota and we talked about the cold weather."

The local hiking community was just as saddened, as members like Dennis Crispo know how fast the weather turns on the mountains. Crispo has hiked Mt. Lafayette numerous times in the winter and said hikers have to be prepared for abrupt weather changes.

Brenda Cox

"I've had some rough conditions (on Mt. Lafayette) and you have to be prepared for that. Weather changes quickly and you really have to be in tune with what's going on with the weather for the entire day," said Crispo, who chairs the local chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Russell Cox told New Hampshire Fish and Game Lt. Todd Bogardus the basics of what went on while he was on the mountain: The Coxes reached Franconia Ridge Trail Sunday afternoon but blinding snow drifts masked the trail markers. They built a snow cave where they sheltered themselves for the night against 75 mph winds and windchill temperatures of 60 below zero. The next day, the couple set out again, but weather forced them to seek shelter in a rocky cave.

Russell Cox was unsteady, but standing when rescuers found him, while his wife was unconscious. He was the first to be rescued by helicopter. Brenda Cox was rescued about 45 minutes later.

She loved adventure and family members who gathered at the couple's home on Tuesday night said she was daring. She was one of 10 children and grew up in Lowell.

Previously married and the mother of two grown sons – Neil Thompson, 27, and Michael Thompson, 26 – Brenda Cox's family said she was thrilled when she met her soon-to-be husband at Raytheon, where they both worked. Brenda's mother, Rhetta Wanamaker, held a photograph from the couple's wedding night on New Year's Eve 1997. Brenda and Russell Cox married on a wooden bridge in Vermont. The wedding party, wearing purple capes with fur lining, hiked to the location. They bought their house on Brookfield Road shortly after the wedding.

"She finally found happiness," said her tear-eyed mother. "She and Russell were made for each other."

Brenda's siblings said they'd begun to worry on Monday night after a search led by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was called off at midnight because of harsh weather. While the couple were experienced hikers, family members knew another night on the mountain might kill a person, but they hoped for a miracle. The family talked about Brenda in the present tense saying how she bikes from Andover to North Billerica each Easter; how she joins the family at a rented house in the mountains of New Hampshire each Thanksgiving; how she plans on bringing some of the children hiking this weekend.

With Russell, who works at Clare Inc., a telecommunications company in Beverly, Brenda challenged herself. She ran marathons, climbed rocks, zipped down ski slopes and swam laps. She traveled to France, to China, or, within the United States, to Vermont. She sailed around Cape Cod.

Brenda, the third-eldest among her nine siblings, including six sisters and three brothers, was "the adventurer." Her mother remembered, Brenda didn't just talk about adventures, she set out on them.

The last time Wanamaker met her daughter for brunch, Brenda showed her mother slides of a recent trip to the Komodo Islands in Indonesia, where she hiked on trails shared by the endangered Komodo dragons, the world's largest lizards. The dragons are large predators that can kill a human – not that Brenda was scared, said her mother.

"One of those dragons went up to her hips," said her mother with a quick nod. "She took a picture of it."

Thinking about what happened left Nancy Feole, a close friend of Brenda's, shaking and breathing in short gasps in what she described as "a state of shock." She cannot imagine life without Brenda, the friend with whom she celebrated every birthday. She said Brenda talked to her this weekend, over dinner, about her plans for her 44th.

Brenda's birthday is on March 30. She planned to go hiking.

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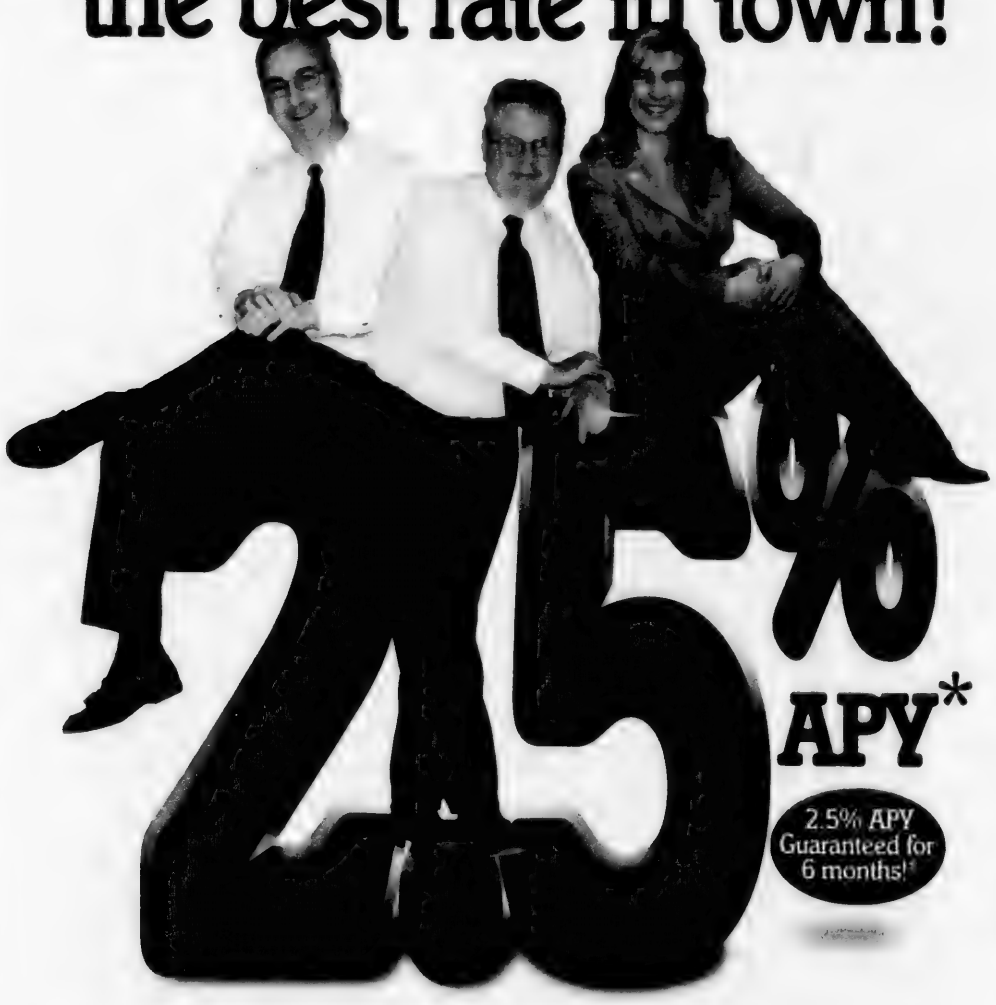

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 25

Live music, Hot Day at the Zoo, 8 p.m., $5, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Discussion group, Bethel Community Church, "Questions of Life," 7–9 p.m. (runs each Thursday through May 5), free, Merrimack College; 978-362-1536.

Friday, March 26

Antique show, First Parish Congregational Church, more than 30 exhibitors from all over New England, 5–9 p.m., $5, 1 Church St., Wakefield; 781-245-1539.

Dance, Andover High School Dance Club presents their 5th annual show, *Funk and Soul*, 7:30 p.m., $3, Collins Center, Shawsheen Road; Meredith Schmidt 978-387-5187.

Live music, Adam Dewey & Crazy Creek, 8 p.m., $10, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Play, *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie, performed by Northern Essex Community College's Top Notch Players, 8 p.m., $10, Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus; Susan Sanders 978-556-3374.

Music, 9 p.m., $5, *see Wednesday, March 24 entry.*

Mystery Theatre, 8 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 19 entry.*

Saturday, March 27

Concert, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer perform a concert at Merrimack College, 2 p.m., $10, Rogers Center for the Arts, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Conservation Day, Harold Parker State Forest, presentation, stories and wood walk, 1 p.m., free, Berry Pond, North Andover; 978-686-3391.

Celtic coffeehouse, "Bone Voyage" to Bones Champ, featuring Steve Brown, bodhran player and winner of the 2003 All Ireland Bones Playing Championship, along with fiddlers, flutists, guitarists, whistle players, concertina players, Irish step dancers, and others, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:10), $10 donation, Knights of Columbus, 10 Brook St.; 978-474-0980 or wbole@aol.com.

Bean supper, Sacred Heart Parish Church, supper and Easter raffle, 4–6:30 p.m., $5 ($2 for children), 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 978-686-5712.

Arts Festival, sponsored in part by Andover Cultural Arts Council, Chinese spring festival with crafts and performances, 2–5 p.m., $5, West Middle School; 978-749-4846.

Festival of Talent, Second Congregational Church of Boxford, second annual festival with various performers, 6–8 p.m., $5, Parish Hall, Boxford; 978-352-2127.

Recital, Elizabeth Ann Larson of North Andover performs an all-Bach recital, 7 p.m., $15, Christ Church, 149 Asbury St., Hamilton; Trudy Larson 978-685-7844.

Elizabeth Ann Larson

Swim show, YMCA synchronized swim team presents "Kaleidoscope of Memories," 6:30 p.m., $6, Merrimack Valley YMCA ,165 Haverhill St.; Elizabeth Covino 978-725-6681.

Lawn and Garden Fair, League of Women Voters, featuring "The Garden Guys," 9:30–11:30 a.m., call for price, West Parish Church; Joyce Ringleb 978-475-3490.

Live music, April Verch, 7 p.m., $13, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Antique show, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., $5, *see Friday, March 26 entry.*

Music, 9 p.m., $8, *see Wednesday, March 24 entry.*

Mystery Theatre, 8 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 19 entry.*

Mousetrap, 8 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 26 entry.*

Sunday, March 28

Candlelight Choir, First Religious Society, Frances Burmeister conducts program of 20th century music, 7:30 p.m., call for price, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-465-0602.

Antiques Faire, Quota International of Andover, verbal appraisal and light brunch, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., $35, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; 978-474-0953.

Day of Appreciation for Merrimack Valley Firefighters, food, fun and raffles, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., free, Andover Fitness, 5 Dundee Park; 978-475-2020.

Showstoppers, Andover Senior Center, Leslie Warshaw of WGBH–FM radio presents live recordings from 1920–2002, 2 p.m., $3, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street; 978-623-8321.

Concert, Minute Man National Historic Park presents the US Air Force Band of Liberty, 2 p.m., Free, Route 2A/Battle Road, Concord; 978-369-6993.

Mystery Theatre, 2 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 19 entry.*

Monday, March 29

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, March 30

Meeting, Lois Club members meeting (for women named Lois) for a buffet and Yankee swap, 6:30 p.m., Old South United Methodist Church, Reading; Lois Denaro 978-369-9212.

Play, NSMT Youth Performance Academy presents *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (runs through April 3), 9:45 a.m., $8.50, 62 Dunham Road, Beverley; 978-232-7200.

Wednesday, March 31

Live music, The Folken Word Open Mic with Lisa Bastoni, call for time and price, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Program, Merrimack Valley Hospice presents *Riding the Waves of Life's Transitions* featuring Linda Arnold, 5:30 p.m., free, Guesthouse Suites, Methuen; 978-687-1333 for reservations.

Symposium, *Hollywood, The Bible and Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ,"* sponsored by Merrimack College's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations and vice president for mission effectiveness, 7:30–9:30 p.m., free, Sakowich Center on the campus of Merrimack College; 978-837-5428.

"Planting Haverhill's Pride," 11th annual Environmental Hero Awards and Adopt-a-Park Recognition, featuring hors d'oeuvres, environmental exhibits, silent auction, door prizes, guest speaker Roger Swain, former *Victory Garden* PBS TV host; 6 p.m., donation $20, Haverhill Country Club, Haverhill; Sally Cerasuolo 978-373-5663.

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The Andover High School Dance Club is gearing up for its fifth annual show, entitled "Funk and Soul," tomorrow night, Friday, March 26 at 7:30 in the Collins Center. Dance styles vary from "typical Jazz and Tap to the unique movement of Indian and Modern," says student producer Meredith Schmidt. Tickets are $3 at the door. For more information, call Schmidt at 978-387-5187.

An eye for honored work

AHS '75 grad picks up Oscar for film *The Fog of War*

By Ben Hellman

RECENT ACADEMY AWARD WINNER AND ANDOVER High School graduate Michael Williams has a keen eye for what the public wants.

Williams produced the film *The Fog of War*, about former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, which won best documentary feature at this year's Academy Awards.

He is also one of the creative minds behind the hugely popular TV show *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*.

When Williams graduated from Andover High School in 1975 he had already made his first film – a six-minute short, pairing impressionist art with impressionist music – and had already dreamed of fame.

"I remember in junior high writing acceptance speeches (for the Academy Awards) in class," said Williams.

Even so, Williams said he was not ready for the honor when *The Fog of War* was called out at the awards. "I was sort of looking down at my lap," he said. Director Errol Morris delivered the acceptance speech for the award, but when all of the winners were called up at the end of the program, the camera stopped on Williams standing next to best-original-screenplay writer Sofia Coppola, who directed *Lost in Translation*.

"I am not leaving this party."

ANDOVER HIGH GRAD MICHAEL WILLIAMS, AFTER WINNING AN ACADEMY AWARD FOR PRODUCING THE FILM 'THE FOG OF WAR'

Afterwards, Williams enjoyed the post-Academy Awards *Vanity Fair* party, where he met and talked to stars. Williams had worked with celebrities, but it was his first Oscar party. "Every celebrity in the world was there," he said. Williams talked with *Sex in the City* actor Kim Cattrall, who is a documentary fan and a fan of *The Fog of War*, and Oprah Winfrey, a fan of *Queer Eye*. He also met and rubbed shoulders with the likes of Hillary Swank, John Travolta and fellow award-winners Charlize Theron and Sean Penn. Williams had planned to go to the Elton John party and got a phone call saying Sharon and Ozzie Ozbourne were there waiting to meet him, but surveying the stars all around him, Williams decided he was fine where he was.

"I am not leaving this party," said Williams.

Williams said meeting and talking with McNamara was a powerful experience. It was Williams' job to talk McNamara into letting them make the movie, and during the shooting Williams would spend time with him between shots and during lunch. "He's telling you first-hand stories. He's telling me about the day Kennedy was shot, stories about talking with Castro and Khruschev. I can't believe I'm talking to this guy," said Williams.

Williams has worked on *Mermaids*, *Little Man Tate*, *Housesitter*, *Hoffa*, *The Good Son*, *Oleanna* and *Celtic Pride*, as well as such television projects as *The Matchmaker*, *The Wedding*, *Truman* and *Spenser For Hire*. As locations manager for *Spenser For Hire*, it was Williams who introduced television star Robert Urich to Andover. When Williams heard Urich was looking for a home, Williams called an Andover realtor and found the house Urich moved into on Phillips Street.

Williams is also the co-founder of Scout Productions, which produces *Queer Eye* and the ABC Family teen room-makeover program *Knock First*. Williams said after Sept. 11, 2001, financial resources for independent film production dried up. His Scout Productions co-founder, David Collins, suggested they try to cash in on the reality television craze. Williams said the difference between *Queer Eye* and *Knock First* and other reality programs is that they are positive. Of *Queer Eye* Williams said, "We aren't voting anyone off an island." Williams said it has been hailed as the first "feel-good reality show."

Queer Eye focuses on a straight man who is a good guy, but just can't get his fashion sense together. The

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Playing 'dem bones'

Celtic coffeehouse sendoff is Saturday

Last May, Stephen Brown became the first person outside Ireland to win the All Ireland Bones Playing Championship, causing consternation in local Irish pubs.

Now, Brown is polishing his cow-leg bones – which he makes as well as plays – and preparing to defend his title in Abbeyfeale, the County Limerick town that hosts the annual international contest.

But before then, dozens of fellow musicians from around the region will gather with Brown for a grand Celtic music session in Andover this Saturday, March 27.

The session itself will be for musicians as well as other invited guests. But following the session will be an evening coffeehouse – open to the public – featuring Brown and members of traditional music groups in which he has played.

The public coffeehouse begins at 7:30 at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Brook St. (doors open at 7:10). The by-invitation session will be in the same place - musicians interested in attending are invited to send an e-mail to wbole@aol.com.

Andover friends of Brown's are organizing the events as a way of saying "bone voyage" to the defending bones champ as well as to thank him. Brown, who also plays the *bodhran* or Irish drum, has performed several nonpaying gigs for nonprofit groups in Andover over the past year.

This time, the coffeehouse will serve as a way of helping to defray the costs of Brown's return to Abbeyfeale in early May. Tickets will be sold at the door for $10.

Irish fiddlers, flutists, guitarists, whistle players, banjo pickers, step dancers and others will perform at the events. Brown will take center stage with his bones, a percussion instrument that is actually two pieces of bone, curved slightly. It is considered the world's oldest musical instrument, after the human voice, organizers said.

"We're all rooting for Steve," said friend and fiddler John Shea, an Andover Knights member, speaking of Brown's hope of retaining his world title.

Ireland has had a lock on the 10-year-old international bones competition, and one Abbeyfeale resident, legendary bones player Paddy "Sport" Murphy, has walked away with top honors most of those years.

Stephen T. Brown will have a number of friends rooting for him as he goes to defend his title in the All Ireland Bones Playing Championship. Brown will take part in a grand Celtic music session on Brook Street this Saturday, March 27.

Brown's victory last year raised hackles among Murphy's loyalists, who do most of their rooting in

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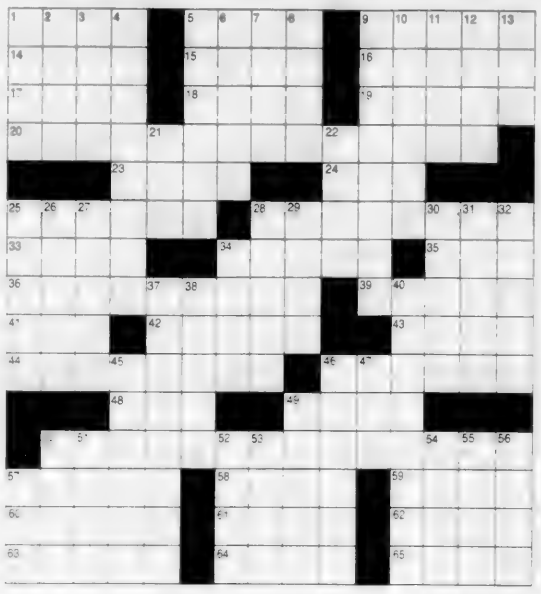
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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24. Legume flower petals
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28. Line of cliffs
33. Sammy __, songwriter
34. Trade
35. Taxi
36. From 25 million to 40 million years ago
39. Heinrich __, poet
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42. Whittles
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49. African open plains
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51. Double-reed instrument
52. Hawaiian feast
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54. The content of cognition
55. A young male horse
56. If not
57. Taoism

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Thursday, April 1

Live music, Ryan Montbleau Band, 8 p.m., $8, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Musical, Merrimack College On-Stagers present Stephen Sondheim's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, 8 p.m., $10, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Poetry reading, Michael Casey reads from his new book *Raiding the Whorehouse*, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore; 978-475-0143.

Concert, SwingTown!, a local band comprised of St. John's Prep students and faculty (to benefit the Danvers Food Pantry), 7 p.m., $7, Kaneb Theater, Alumni Hall at St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers; Beth Forbes 978-774-6727 ext. 328.

Mousetrap, 8 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 26 entry.*

Friday, April 2

Live music, Susan Werner, 8 p.m., $18, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Concert, Unearth with MTV2's Headbanger's Ball Tour, doors open at 6 p.m., $24 and $30, Paul E. Tsongas Arena, Lowell; 978-848-6900.

Concert, New England String Ensemble presents "Allure of the Sun" featuring a galaxy of area soloists performing Bach, Brahms, Resphigi, 8 p.m., call for price, First Parish Church, Wakefield; 781-224-1117.

Concert, Lawrence teachers perform pop and '60s music, *Habitat Jam II – Lo Town*, proceeds benefit Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, 7:30 p.m., $10, 26 River St., Methuen; Stephanie Harrington 978-681-8858 or stephanie.harrington@verizon.net.

Music, Prettytheboat, Autumn Divers, Grey Star Morning, 9 p.m., $5, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Mousetrap, 8 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 26 entry.*

Musical, 8 p.m., $10, *See Thursday, April 1 entry.*

Saturday, April 3

Live music, Tony Trischka Band, 7 p.m., $13, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Healthy Kids Day, sponsored by Merrimack Vallery YMCA, the 13th annual day for kids designed to highlight available activities and youth sports, call for time, Free, 7 Ballard Way, Lawrence; 978-725-6681.

Pancake breakfast, 8–11 a.m., $4, Andover Senior Center; Bernadette Graycar 978-623-8321.

Music, Rock City Crime Wave, The Rocket Queens, Capital Radio, 9 p.m., $6, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents the comedy stylings of Paul Nardizzi, 9:30 p.m., $15, The Mountain View Grand Resort, Whiteview, N.H.; 781-938-8088.

Exhibition, sponsored by the New England Quilt Museum, 'Trunk Show' with regional exhibitors, 1 p.m., $5 (free to members), 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; Jennifer Gilbert 978-452-4207.

Pancake breakfast, at the Harborside Healthcare, 9:30 a.m., free, 1 Bathol St., Wakefield; RSVP to Cindee Ashton 781-245-7600.

Childrens Book and Craft Fair, N.E Montessori School's Second Annual Children's Fair and Silent auction, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., call for price, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-314-6383.

Concert, The Marcellana Latin Jazz Trio, Latin, Cuban, and African-inspired instrumental music, proceeds benefit Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, 8 p.m., tickets $15, South Church, 41 Central St.; Stephanie Harrington 978-681-8858 or stephanie.harrington@verizon.net. (*See related benefit under Friday, April 2 entries.*)

Mousetrap, 8 p.m., $10, *see Friday,*

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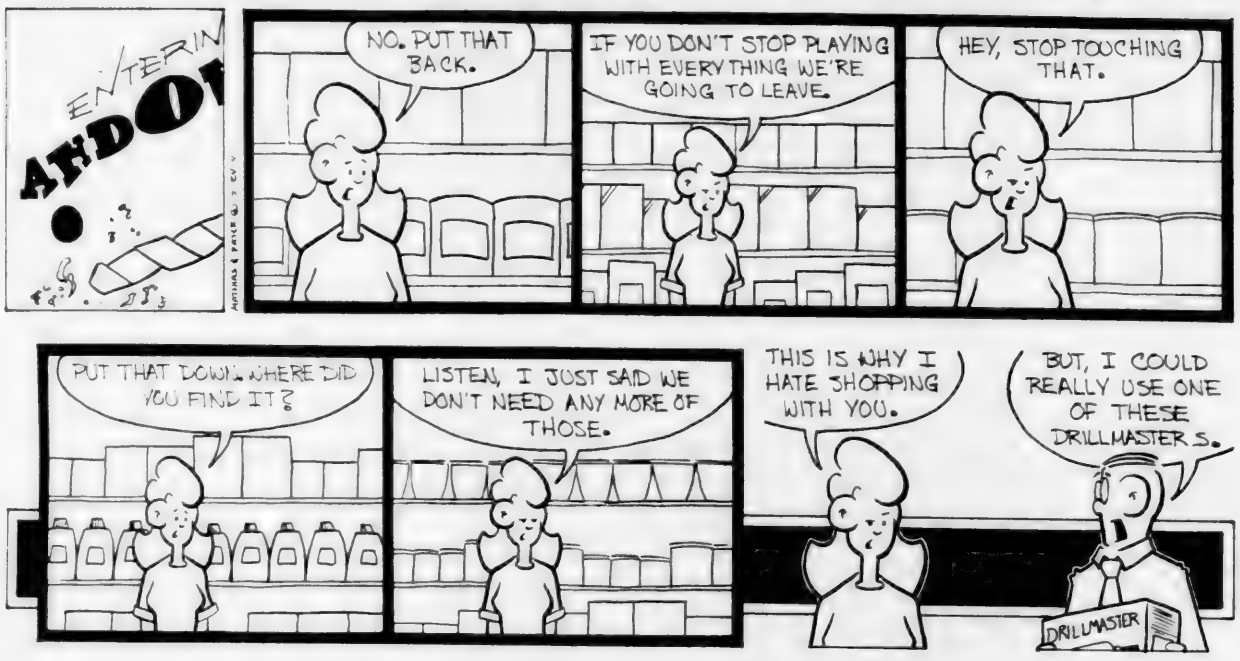
ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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March 26 entry.

Play, 11 a.m., $10, *See Tuesday, March 30 entry.*

Musical, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., $10, *See Thursday, April 1 entry.*

Sunday, April 4

Live music, Family Fun Afternoon with Jolly Bankers, 3 p.m., free, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Lecture, the Women's Spirituality Series presents a slide lecture by Deborah Rose, "Her Time Has Come: Mary Magdelene in the 21st Century," 7 p.m., free, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Deborah Rose

Chamber music, Andover Chamber Music Series presents *Red Dogs and Pink Skies* (music by Adolphe, Brahms and Ravel, alluding to the art of Gauguin), 4 p.m., $25, Rogers Center for the Arts, North Andover; 978-474-6222.

Performance, sponsored by Community Teamwork Inc., UMass Lowell Center for the Arts presents the next show in the Discovery Series, "Scrap Arts Music: an innovative blend of percussion, sculpture and choreography," 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., $10, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; 978-934-4444.

Mousetrap, 3 p.m., $10, *see Friday, March 26 entry.*

Ongoing

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Richard Serra Prints: A Survey*, through March 29; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, gallery hours: Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013.

Andover Historical Society, *Recent Works by Andover High School Art Students*, a selection of works, on display in the Reception Gallery through March, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m, $5 admission, students $3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, Beland Gallery installation by Liz Sweibel; through April 9 in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery: Ri Anderson & Gary Duehr – Color Photography; in the Main Gallery: Finned & Feathered, a celebration in honor of Women's History Month; five artists explore their interest in birds and sea creatures through painting, video, installation, and mixed media; Liz Awalt, Gail Boyajian, Laurel Hughes, Tamara Krendel and Linda Price-Sneddon present images ranging from the lowly pigeon and hen, to the canary and starfish; Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, *Nostalgic Journey*, American illustrations from the collection of the Delaware Art Museum; gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery: rare photographs from the Civil War, includes eight new images; through June 25, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., $5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., $4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Memorial Hall Library – Artist of the Month for March is Crist Filer who works mainly in watercolor and pencil, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 978-62[illegible]-4000, [illegible]

McCoy Gallery, [illegible] hours M[illegible] p.m., free admission, 978-837-5000, Ext. 4[illegible]

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and Eastman Lounge, [illegible] 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205

McQuade Gallery – [illegible] Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. [illegible] p.m., Friday [illegible] p.m., Saturday [illegible] Sunday, 11 [illegible] 500, Ext. 4[illegible]

Senior Center artists, talented artists [illegible] the "drop-in group" on Wednesday [illegible] of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art, [illegible] Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321

Revolving Museum, [illegible] 2 Lord Montrose Colony, [illegible] through a variety of innovative artworks that explore [illegible] senting public art, exhibitions, edu[illegible] hours [illegible] p.m., Sunday [illegible] p.m., 22 Shattuck St., [illegible]

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art – Acts of Seeing/Acts of Perception, M[illegible] p.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, faculty art exhibit through April 8, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. [illegible] p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemorialllibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, [illegible] 978-[illegible]

The Saltbox Gallery, cooperative [illegible] the North Shore, Monday through Saturday, [illegible] 5 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; [illegible]

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, M[illegible] Saturday, [illegible] p.m., 66 West St., [illegible]

Mingo Gallery, T[illegible] Saturday, [illegible] p.m., 252 Cabot St., B[illegible]

Nevins Memorial Hall, [illegible]

Arlington Center for the Arts, M[illegible]

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, [illegible] Wednesday, [illegible] 5 p.m., Sa[illegible] St., [illegible]

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, M[illegible] 5 p.m., [illegible]

Bravos Arts Gallery, [illegible]

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, [illegible] Lowell, [illegible] days, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; [illegible]

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1552

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298

Crescent Dragon Gallery, 5[illegible] Washington St., Haverhill; [illegible] gallery.oni.homestead.com, [illegible]

Walsingham Gallery – painter Dennis Perrin, gallery hours Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4417, www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

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Feel-good reality show

■ MICHAEL WILLIAMS

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show's five "queer" gurus – called "The Fab Five" – help the heterosexual guy improve his fashion, grooming, home decoration and social skills. "We just look for good stories, well-told," said Williams. The program has taken off in television markets around the world.

Williams recently returned from Australia, where an Australian version of *Queer Eye* will be produced.

Williams said *Queer Eye* has also been a positive introduction to gay men for television viewers. He has gotten letters from gay men who say the program has allowed them to talk to their family about being gay. "One of our goals was to break down barriers," said Williams.

Celtic coffeehouse at K of C

■ STEPHEN BROWN

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Abbeyfeale's bustling pubs. At the same time, Brown recalls, "I had people congratulating me on the streets.

"It was amazing. I really never expected to win," he said.

In his day job, Brown works as a vocational rehabilitation counselor in Fitchburg. In addition to the cow bones, he plays wooden ones that he makes from domestic and exotic wood. He also plays in the Crawdad Wranglers and Captain Fiddle, two traditional music groups.

For more information, call William Bole at 978-474-0980.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Andover Chamber Music Series finale presents...

Music evoking Gauguin

WHY DID THE PAINTER Paul Gauguin use such bright, vibrant colors to represent nature? The answer, surprisingly, lies in music. The Andover Chamber Music Series explores the close connection between music and painting in "Red Dogs and Pink Skies," on Sunday, April 4, at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover.

Bruce Adolphe's *Red Dogs and Pink Skies: A Musical Celebration of Paul Gauguin* pays homage to the painter's works and ideas about art and music.

Written for six instruments and narrator, the composition evokes Gauguin's sensuous, lush Tahitian landscapes through evocative, swaying, pulsating rhythms and shimmering instrumental colors. His music will be accompanied by colorful slides.

Violinist Joanna Kurkowicz

Adolphe is the music and education adviser of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

Complementing the program are two masterpieces of the chamber music repertoire, Brahms' radiant *Clarinet Trio*, and Ravel's intensely expressive *Piano Trio*, which will bring the concert and the ACMS seventh season to a close.

Artistic director and flutist Julia Scolnik, founder of ACMS, brings this cast of musicians to the stage, including Boston Symphony Orchestra principal clarinetist William R. Hudgins, International American Music Competition Grand Prize winner pianist Randall Hodgkinson, violinist Joanna Kurkowicz, and cellist Eugene Kim.

Tickets are $25 and $20. Group sales and $8 student rush tickets are available.

Call 978-474-6222; or go to www.andoverchambermusic.org.

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North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings. Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Erlich Gallery, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Theater

Lullaby of Broadway, Amesbury Playhouse, a sampling of broadway classics old and new, through March 28, call for times and prices, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444

Le Grande David and his Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., $18, $12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Something In The Air by Richard Dresser, from March 18 through April 11, variety of season-ticket packages as well as single tickets ranging in price from $23 to $39 are available through the box office, Merrimack Repertory Theater Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-454-3926.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m. $5 admission, students $3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, $5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, $3 adults, $1 children, $2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., $5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655

American Textile History Museum, *Let's Go Hawaiian* exhibition is a fanciful exploration of the fascination with Hawaii, its influence on mainstream culture, and a playful look at the cult of the Hawaiian shirt; more than 125 classic and contemporary shirts, most originating from the collection of Gary Moss, picture Hawaii's history, the beauty of its landscape, its popular culture, and lure as a tourist resort; exhibit runs through Sunday, June 20; 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed July 4; admission $6 for adults; $4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Wenham Museum, $5 adults, $3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Peabody Essex Museum, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., $12 adults, $10 seniors $8, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem; 978-745-9500, 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, $6, $4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711

House of Seven Gables, Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., extended hours until 7 p.m., through October, $10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem, 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org

Meetings/Activities

Altrusa International/Merrimack Valley, a service organization that focuses on community needs, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Chelmsford Public Library, Chelmsford; Arlene Miele 978-453-2531.

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Don't miss it! Every week. Our area's smartest guide to news, upcoming events living and shopping North of Boston.

SundayNorth!

Coming in the

Sunday Eagle-Tribune

While you were sleeping

The ancient and mysterious practice of hypnosis is now being used to help relax surgery patients. Hypnotists also promote their ability as success coaches, habit breakers and entertainers who can make you cluck like a chicken. How to separate fact from hooey. **In the Lifestyle section.**

Field of dreams

It's no surprise that North of Boston winter vacationers head for Florida. But many of them are going for the baseball, not the beaches. A growing horde of Red Sox fans flock to Ft. Myers for spring training and the chance to hobnob with millionaire trailblazers in Hawaiian ballparks. **In the Sports section.**

A few good men

Two deaths of a young Methuen Marine in Iraq last week has sent shockwaves across Haverhill towns from their post-high school posts to entry the Corps as a bandy unit for basic training at Parris Island. They also want to help defend their country against its enemies. **In the Main News section.**

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This White Fund Enlightenment Series Program will be held on Sunday, March 28th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Lawrence Public Library. All Welcome Admission Free

EVENTS CALENDAR

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American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Choral Society, auditions not required, chorus meets every Monday 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 978-687-8225.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, $65 family membership, $40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, seeks new voices for the 2003-04 season, rehearsals Thursday evening from 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Avenue, Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call; Rick Seaman 603-382-5070 or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

Country line dancing, Stompers Country Line Dance Production will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47, I-93, Methuen.

Community men's chorus, The Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

Embroiders Guild of America, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

Learn to line dance, the Knights of Columbus hosts a learn to line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926 for more information, or www.operalowell.org.

Memorial Hall Library, Merrimack Valley Quilters, Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; www.mhl.org.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-0900 or www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, meeting weekly at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover, 978-552-4830.

Merrimacks Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Elizabeth Brown 978-877-1827.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's acappela group, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Wilmington; 978-851-7764 www.merrimackvalleychorus.com

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori 978-794-1973

Middlesex Singers, mixed chamber music chorus, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 2 Westford St., Chelmsford, Pat Moore 978-256-7143

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers playspace for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., $25 one year; Kathleen 978-689-4911 or Michelle 978-475-2577

Mother Circle, a non-profit group that meets the needs of stay-at-home moms, discuss and hear a range of topics from sibling rivalry to maintaining your sanity, child-care provided, New England Bible Church, www.nebible.org

Newburyport Choral Society, rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport, 978-462-0650.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 978-478-1725 or Kevin Brightney 978-465-2215.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents, Lisa Raphael of Andover at 978-470-0736, or Mary McKenzie of North Andover 978-687-3352.

New England Classical Singers, openings for experienced singers in all parts for their 2003-04 season, performances will include Handel's *Messiah*, the Mozart *Requiem* and selections from American composers; call 978-474-6090 for an audition or visit www.newengland-classical.org.

North Reading Community Chorale, invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street North Reading, 978-664-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, men and women needed to perform in a holiday concert rehearsals Tuesdays 7 p.m., Wilmington Arts Center, 159 Church St. Wilmington, 681-0355 or www.nrtwinc.com

North Shore Chorus, Broadway Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn, Cheryl 978-825-9122

North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra, rehearses every Monday in the late afternoon/early evening, at Ipswich High School, includes musicians ages 7-18 who perform with either the Youth Symphony intermezzo or prelude string sections of the orchestra, Trudy Larson 685-7844 (audition).

Sacred Choral Artists, seeking additional singers (all parts), rehearsals begin in September, Monday nights, Christmas and spring concert, West Congregational Church, Haverhill, call Susan for more information, 978-681-6672 or www.sacredchoralartists.org

Single Eights Square Dance Club, 6 p.m., $5 donation, First Calvary Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue and Route 125, North Andover; Carol 978-851-7876

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, said to be both hilarious and suspenseful, will be performed by Northern Essex Community College's Top Notch Players. The performances will be held in the Topnotch Theatre on the third floor of the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, at 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 1, 2, and 3 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 4, at 3 p.m. Performers will include (front row, from left) Christine Foley of Brentwood, N.H., and Ozan Haksever of Newburyport; (back row) Emily Mooers, Cory Cocchiaro and Allan Mayo, all of Haverhill.

Annual Northern Essex Film Festival set

Films to be shown in Lawrence on Saturdays next month

The Seventh Annual Northern Essex Community College Film Festival will be held on three consecutive Saturday nights in April in the Atrium on the Franklin Street Campus in Lawrence.

The films will be shown at 8 p.m. and are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

April 10, *The Wind Will Carry Us*, Iran 1999, Farsi – A film crew journeys into a remote Iranian village to document the death and funeral rituals of a 100-year-old Kurdish woman.

April 17, *Central Station*, Brazil 1998, Portugese – Internationally acclaimed film about a poor retired schoolteacher who reluctantly takes a young boy under her wing after he witnesses his mother's accidental death.

April 24, *Bitter Sugar*, Cuba, 1998, Spanish – Passionate romance between a young idealistic communist and a disenchanted, free-spirited dancer who longs to leave the island.

For additional information contact Mark Palermo, at 978-556-7463 or mpalermo@necc.mass.edu; or visit the Web site at http://neccfilmfest.tripod.com.

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Sports

AHS PREVIEWS

Spring teams ready for great outdoors

Examing girls and boys lacrosse, boys volleyball, and girls and boys tennis teams

By Rick Harrison

Andover High spring athletic teams opened practice last week with record turnouts for some sports including close to 300 candidates for boys and girls track combined. Battling the cold weather and recent snow, teams have been confined to the Dunn Gym and Field House for most of their early practices/workouts. Several AHS teams will open their 2004 season, Mother Nature permitting, next week.

With that in mind, the Townsman *today begins varsity previews with looks at the girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, boys volleyball, girls tennis and boys tennis teams.*

GIRLS LACROSSE

It would be extremely hard for the 2004 Andover High varsity girls lacrosse team to match last year's regular season record of 18-0-1.

The Lady Warriors won the North League championship, went 3-0 in games decided by one goal and missed out on a perfect season by tying Billerica, 12-12.

What this current AHS group can do is go deeper in the MIAA Tournament than last year's squad, which dropped a tough 11-9 decision to Concord-Carlisle in the first round.

They'll be trying to do it with a new head coach, 25-year-old Emily Frey hoping to pick up where Ryan Polley left off.

Polley, whose teams were 35-5-1 the past two seasons, received an offer he couldn't refuse and moved about four miles up the road to become the head coach of the Merrimack College men's team.

Frey comes with solid credentials.

She was a high school All-American at hometown Marblehead High and played four years for nationally-ranked Denison University in Ohio.

This is her first job as a lacrosse coach. She has coached swimming at the North Shore 'Y' and works as an athletic trainer at Top Gun Lacrosse.

"Ryan and I are friends," said Frey. "When he took the job at Merrimack he recommended me for Andover. Eventually Dave Nichols gave me a call and here I am.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge. After college I went to Colorado to get some mountain climbing and bike riding out of my system. I also lived in Virginia for awhile before returning home to this area," said Frey, whose boyfriend is in the armed services and last November left for a scheduled six-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Key graduates from last year's team include twin scoring machines and school career points leaders Diana and Demorie Crawford, Grace Farnham, Amanda Gallant, Ashley Hegarty, Lindsay Mann, Laura Denison, Katie Stewart and goaltender Jennie Williams.

The Crawford sisters, Farnham and Gallant all scored between 100 and 150 career points and were All-League selections.

The 54 candidates at the opening workout included nine players who return from last season, led by senior Capts. Ali McCoy, attack wing Stephanie Sweeney and defense wing Jeanne Lothrop.

Other veterans are junior defense wing Kate Nichols, senior point-defender Chrissy McSweeney, junior attack Maggie Lamond, senior defender Adrienne Shea, junior center Jacqui Munro and senior defense wing Arianna Miliotis.

Led by school career scoring leader Shea, many of the returnees also helped the AHS girls ice hockey team to an outstanding season which included a march to the MIAA Division 2 Tournament semifinals.

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ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

(Home Games at Aumais Field)

APRIL

7 — at Revere, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
8 — Saugus, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
10 — Wakefield Tournament, opponent & time TBA
14 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. (Strong Field)
16 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Memmack College)
20 — Chelmsford, 11 a.m.
22 — at Billerica, 11 a.m. (Marshall Middle School)
24 — at Woburn, 10:30 a.m. (non-league)
26 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
28 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
30 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

3 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
5 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. (Ayotte Field)
7 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
10 — at Methuen, 7 p.m.
12 — at Lowell, 7 p.m. (Alumni Field)
13 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
26 — Revere, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
29 — at Lawrence Tournament, 7 p.m. (Mark Devlin Field)
30 — at Lawrence Tournament, time & opponent TBA (Mark Devlin Field)

Head Coach: Ken Maglio (12th year; career record 155-93)
JV Coach: Dan Grams
Record Last Year: 5-15

SOFTBALL

APRIL

7 — at Everett, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
8 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
12 — at North Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
14 — Nazareth Academy/Wakefield, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
16 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
21 — Dracut, 11 a.m.
23 — at Lawrence, 11 a.m. (Hayden-Schofield Playstead)
26 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at Tewksbury, 7 p.m. (Memorial Field/Livingston Street)

MAY

3 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
5 — Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
7 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
10 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (Lampson Field)
12 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
13 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
17 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
22 — at Methuen Tournament vs. North Andover, 7 p.m.
23 — at Methuen Tournament, time & opponent TBA
24 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
27 — at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 7 p.m.

Head Coach: Stephanie Ragucci (8th year; career record 73-76)
JV Coach: Betty Iannuccilli
Record Last Year: 13-9

BOYS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Shawsheen Field)

MARCH

31 — at Algonquin Regional/Northboro, 4 p.m.

APRIL

2 — at Brookline, 4 p.m.
5 — at Lincoln-Sudbury, 4 p.m.
9 — at Tyngsboro, 4 p.m. (Pierce Field)
13 — at Chelmsford, 4 p.m. (Simonian Alumni Stadium)
16 — at Acton-Boxboro, 7 p.m. (Leary Field)
19 — North Andover, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
22 — Lexington, 1 p.m.
24 — Londonderry, N.H., 1 p.m.
27 — Billerica, 4 p.m.
30 — Lowell, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)

MAY

7 — at Haverhill, 4 p.m. (Haverhill Stadium)
10 — at Billerica, 4 p.m. (Lampson Field)
13 — Concord-Carlisle, 4 p.m.
18 — Franklin, 4 p.m.
21 — Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
24 — St. John's Prep/Danvers, 4 p.m.
26 — Ashland, 4 p.m.

Head Coach: Wayne Puglisi (6th year; career record 46-35).
JV Coach: Doug Chernovetz.
Freshman Coach: Matt James.
Record Last Year: 5-11

GIRLS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Doherty Middle)

APRIL

8 — Beverly, 4 p.m.
13 — at Masconomet Regional/Topsfield, 4 p.m.
15 — Ipswich, 4 p.m.
21 — Algonquin Regional/Northboro, 1 p.m.
27 — at Manchester Essex, 4 p.m.
29 — Pentucket Regional/West Newbury, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)

MAY

1 – at Danvers, 4 p.m.
4 — at Marblehead, 4 p.m.
6 — at Beverly, 4 p.m.
8 — Hamilton-Wenham, 10 a.m.
11 — at North Andover, 4 p.m. (Hayes Stadium)
13 — Newburyport, 7 p.m.
15 — Tyngsboro, 10 a.m.
18 — at Salem (Ma.), 4 p.m.
20 — Gloucester, 4 p.m.
24 — at Billerica, 7 p.m. (Marshall Middle School)
26 — Concord-Carlisle, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)

Head Coach: Emily Frey (1st year)
JV Coach: Sue Rogers.
Record Last Year: 18-1-1 (North League champion).

BOYS TENNIS

APRIL

1 — at Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
5 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
7 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
12 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Shedd Park)
29 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

3 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
5 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
7 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (Lampson courts)
10 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Mt. Vernon Park)
12 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
13 — St. John's Prep/Danvers, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
17 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
21 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
25 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
27 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Memmack College)

Coach: Mike Wartman (20th year; career record 326-46)
Record Last Year: 14-5 (Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinalist)

GIRLS TENNIS

MARCH

30 — Burlington, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)

APRIL

1 — at Lexington, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
5 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (Lampson courts)
7 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Mt. Vernon Park)
12 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
14 — Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
27 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. (Livingston Street)
29 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

3 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
5 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack College)
6 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
12 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
13 — at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
17 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Shedd Park)
19 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
21 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
25 — Methjuen, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: David Hughes (1st year).
Record Last Year: 19-1 (MVC champion, Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinalist).

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches at Dunn Gym)

MARCH

29 — at Lowell, 6 p.m. (Riddick Field House)
31 — at Lawrence, 4 p.m.

APRIL

2 — at Methuen, 5 p.m.
7 — at Chelmsford, 6 p.m. (Conrad Gym)
8 — Billerica, 4 p.m.
12 — at Central Catholic, 5 p.m.
14 — Dracut, 4 p.m.
16 — at Westford Academy, 4 p.m.
27 — at St. John's Prep/Danvers, 5 p.m.
28 — at Billerica, 6 p.m. (James Gym)
30 — Chelmsford, 6 p.m.

MAY

3 — Lawrence, 4 p.m.
5 — at Dracut, 4 p.m.
7 — Westford Academy, 4 p.m.
10 — Methuen, 6 p.m.
12 — Lowell, 4 p.m.
17 — Chelmsford, 6 p.m.
19 — at Haverhill, 4 p.m.
20 — St. John's Prep/Danvers, 5 p.m.
24 — Haverhill, 5 p.m.

Note: In most cases time listed is JV start. Varsity matches start approximately 1 hour later).
Head Coach: George Sullivan (16th year; career record 216-99)
JV Coach: Dennis Aikman.
Record Last Year: 18-6 (MVC 2 champion, Division 1 North Tournament finalist)

BOYS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

APRIL

1 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Veterans Stadium)
7 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
14 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Cawley Stadium)
17 — at Haverhill Invitational, 9 a.m.
21 — MVC Relays, 9 a.m.
28 — Dracut & Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at MVC Boys Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 3:30 p.m. (Cawley Stadium, Lowell)

MAY

5 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
8 — Andover Boosters Invitational, 9 a.m.
12 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
15 — State Coaches Class A Relays, 9:30 a.m.
18 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
21 — at MVC Boys Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m. (Cawley Stadium, Lowell)
29 — at Eastern Mass. State Class A Championship Meet (9:30 a.m., Cawley Stadium, Lowell)

JUNE

5 — at All-State Championship Meet, 9 a.m.
12 — at New England Championship Meet, 9 a.m.

Head Coach: Peter Comeau (8th year).
Assistant Coaches: Art Iworsley, Brenda Clark-Warne, Phil Capodilupo.
Record Last Year: 5-1 (MVC 1 dual-meet champion; MVC Championship Meet winner; Eastern Mass. State Class A champion).

GIRLS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

APRIL

1 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Veterans Stadium)
7 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
14 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Cawley Stadium)
17 — at Haverhill Invitational, 9 a.m.
21 — MVC Relays, 9 a.m.
28 — Dracut & Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

1 — at MVC Girls Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 9:30 a.m. (Haverhill Stadium)
5 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
8 — Andover Boosters Invitational, 9 a.m.
12 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
15 — State Coaches Class A Relays, 9:30 a.m.
18 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
22 — at MVC Girls Championship Meet, 9:30 p.m. (at Tewksbury)
29 — at Eastern Mass. State Class A Championship Meet (9:30 a.m., Cawley Stadium, Lowell)

JUNE

5 — at All-State Championship Meet, 9 a.m.
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Record Last Year: 5-1 (MVC 1 dual-meet champion; MVC Championship Meet winner; Eastern Mass. State Class A champion).

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

(Home Games at West Middle School)

APRIL

14 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
20 — at Chelmsford, 11 a.m.
22 — Billerica, 11 a.m.
26 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
28 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

3 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
5 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
7 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
13 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Rich Robinson.

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

(Home Games at West Middle School)

APRIL

14 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
20 — at Chelmsford, 11 a.m.
22 — Billerica, 11 a.m.
26 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
28 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

3 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
5 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
7 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
13 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Dick Loschi.

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AHS PREVIEWS

■ GIRLS LACROSSE

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Miliotis was a member of the girls basketball team which came within a point of a second straight State Division 1 championship.

New to the varsity are senior attacks Bryanna Casey, Melissa Foley and skier Courtney Reed, junior defenders Courtney Dynes and basketball player Jessie Koffman, sophomore attack Casey Salois, sophomore goaltender Elissa Slovin and senior goalie Lauren Barber.

Slovin also played goal for the field hockey team the past two falls and chalked up 20 shutouts.

Top freshmen prospects are attack Rachel Fox, coming off an outstanding indoor track season as a middle distance (600) runner, and attack Lindsay Hegarty.

"We're a young team, for the most part, and the thing that stands out the most is our athleticism and versatility," said coach Frey.

"We graduated a lot of firepower — but there is a lot to work with here. I'll take the overall athleticism versus a team that only has a couple of talented lacrosse players anytime.

"I don't feel last year's record puts any extra pressure on these girls or myself," said Frey. "I'm excited and the kids are fueled up. They look at the season as a challenge and their chance to shine.

"They're working well together. I don't know what to expect — but I believe we can hang with any opponent."

Andover now plays in the Cape Ann League and Frey feels her alma mater, Marblehead, is a team to beat along with Beverly and North Andover.

The opener is April 8 at home against Beverly (4 p.m.).

Day games at home will be played at the Doherty Middle School field, while three night games at home (Pentucket Regional, Newburyport and Concord-Carlisle) are set for Lovely Field.

Frey will return to Marblehead May 4 for a nostalgia game.

"It's one I'd really like to win," confessed the new Andover coach. "It would have been even nicer if my coach was still there, but she recently left. Still, it means a lot."

Sue Rogers is the assistant coach.

BOYS LACROSSE

It's all about turning things around this season for the Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team.

The Golden Warriors, who launch their sixth season overall and fifth at the varsity level, struggled to a 5-11 record last year.

That was a rarity because head coach Wayne Puglisi's career won-lost record at AHS is 46-35.

"We're focusing on chemistry," said Puglisi. "We want to be overachievers. We want to out-hustle and out-work our opponents.

"We want to be like the Patriots of the past few years — stressing the team concept and giving it a whole new meaning. Faze's (coach Dave Fazio) basketball team was the same way this past winter.

"We may not necessarily be the biggest or most athletic team — but we'll find a way to win because we work so well together," said Puglisi. "That's what we're striving for this spring.

"We have a small senior group and a solid corps of underclassmen. Guaranteed we'll work our tails off."

There were 70 candidates this year, including the freshmen, and the Golden Warriors will field a ninth-grade team for the first time.

"Bill Fahey (Youth Services director) deserves a lot of the credit for the freshman team," said Puglisi. "It's a cooperative effort between Youth Services and the school."

Key graduates from last year include Nick Stamas (attending Phillips Academy), Greg Hartwell (Providence), Steve Seero (Assumption) and Sergey Yerozolimsky (UMass).

Returning starters are senior attack Toby Cohen, sophomore midfielder and top scorer Buddy Farnham (45 points last year), senior defender Ben Newman and junior goaltender Zach Gostanian.

Other lettermen include junior defenders John Fox and Jon Yost, senior attack Bob Grant, junior midfielders Eric Hanson, Seth Martin and John Iannelli, senior midfielder Tyler Hopkins, sophomore attack Mike Lamagna and senior defender Jason Shoemaker.

Juniors new to the varsity are midfielders John MacDonald, Joe Rusckowski, Luke Bryden and Andrew Boudreau, defenders John Minahan and Mike Canepa, attack Vic Lanio and goaltender Mike Anderson.

Sophomores are midfielder Mike Ahern, attackmen Matt Colby and A.J. Drivas and defender Andrew Gatti.

Puglisi feels the Merrimack Valley Conference will once again be up for grabs among his team, Chelmsford and Billerica.

"Haverhill is new this year and tough to evaluate," said the coach. "Tewksbury and Central Catholic have JV teams this year and will elevate to varsity next season. The conference is expanding and that's a good thing."

Puglisi, a physical education teacher at AHS, played his lacrosse at New Hampshire power Londonderry High and later at Springfield College.

Prior to Andover he was an assistant coach at Londonderry for one season and Winchester (Ma.) for six.

Doug Chernovetz is the JV coach and Matt James, who was a captain on Puglisi's first team in 1999, takes the reins of the fledgling freshman team.

The season opener is next Tuesday afternoon at Algonquin Regional in Northboro (4 p.m.).

Through a quirk in the schedule, the first six games are away and 10 of the last 12 are at home including five straight to complete the regular season.

Afternoon home games will be played at the Shawsheen Field, off York Street, while three night games at home against North Andover, Lowell and Chelmsford are under the lights at Lovely Field.

The home opener is April 19 at Lovely versus North Andover (7 p.m.).

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

George Sullivan is back and he is faced with perhaps the toughest rebuilding job of his 16-year career at the helm of the Andover High boys varsity volleyball program.

Sullivan, who retired from teaching in January, wavered about the coaching job before finally deciding to return.

He has also coached girls basketball, track, girls volleyball and football at AHS, and spent this past winter as assistant girls hoop coach to Karen Kennedy at Phillips Academy.

The multi-time Merrimack Valley Conference boys volleyball Coach of the Year welcomes the challenge 2004 presents, and feels his team is going to surprise a few people over the next 10 weeks.

"People are looking at all the talent we graduated and thinking we're going to be a pushover," said Sullivan. "It won't happen if I have anything to say about it."

In fact, the back of the AHS boys volleyball T-shirt reads: "Tradition never graduates. Legacy of '04."

"We're not going into the season cocky — but we will be very scrappy," said Sullivan.

Last year the Golden Warriors won the MVC 2 championship for the second straight year, finishing with an 18-6 overall record and battling to the Division 1 North title match before bowing to leaguemate St. John's Prep of Danvers.

Sullivan's career record is a flashy 216-99. His teams have won nine league titles and gone to the tournament 12 times.

AHS has been a North semifinalist five times, a North finalist three times and in 1995 the locals battled to the state final before losing to perennial power New Bedford.

Andover graduated 10 players from its 2003 title team, including MVC 2 Player of the Year Steve Johnson, Shawn Furey, Andy Ahern, Tim An, Cameron Day, Matt Monteiro, David Hsu, Steve Gerstein, Jake Minton and Casey Cho.

"I believe it's the biggest turnover we've ever had," said Sullivan.

Another rarity was the turnout of only 26 candidates.

"It's the lowest in years," said Sullivan. "Everyone we expected to come out did — but a lot of kids picking a sport are gravitating towards track and lacrosse which is great for those teams."

Only three players return and senior middle hitter/Capt. Jake Kleinman is the only one with extensive varsity playing time.

Senior defender Sean Cummings, who appears fully recovered from a shoulder injury suffered last season, and senior 6'7" middle hitter Ian McMahon are the other veterans.

The nine newcomers are senior setter Daniel Jun, junior defenders Sam Silverman and Pardeep Thandi, junior outside hitter Chris James, sophomore defenders Taylor Carroll and Matt Jacobs, sophomore outside hitters Nick Assad and Jerry Mohan and sophomore setter Darren McRoy.

Players will vote for a second team captain to join Kleinman this week.

"There will be a lot of teaching this year," said Sullivan. "Most of these kids have to find out what varsity volleyball is all about. It will be on-the-job training.

"But there is a long way to go and we'll see what happens. Last weekend at our first Play-Day we held our own with Milton, Weymouth, Chelmsford and Haverhill. We played them all about even and that was encouraging.

"We didn't see the big powers, like St. John's Prep and New Bedford, but we'll be more prepared for those teams later."

There is a second Play-Day at the Dunn Gym this weekend, and a solo scrimmage against Natick, prior to the early season opener next Monday night at Lowell High (6 p.m.).

The first four matches, five of the first six and eight of the first 10 are away.

"It's tough scheduling," said Sullivan. "But then eight of the last 10 in the second half of the season are at home. That should work to our advantage."

The home opener is April 8 against Billerica.

"With a lot of kids returning St. John's Prep, Lawrence and Haverhill will be loaded this year," said Sullivan. "Most of the other league teams will be equal."

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team finds itself in the unusual position of trying to regain the Merrimack Valley Conference championship.

After winning the league title 15 times over an 18-year stretch under coach Mike Wartman, the Golden Warriors have finished second to Chelmsford each of the past two seasons.

AHS will attempt a return to supremacy after graduating its top two singles players from last spring, Jason Lynn (attending Penn State) and Alex Cline (Union College).

"Any time you lose your 1-2 singles it's tough," said Wartman. "But we have a fair amount of depth — and a lot of parity and competition among the players on this year's roster.

"The snow and cold has made it difficult to even have challenge matches to help set the lineup, but hopefully the weather will improve quickly and things will fall into place."

Although no positions were set at presstime, the Golden Warriors do have to move fast with the season opener at non-league Reading scheduled next Thursday afternoon (April 1) at 3:30 p.m.

The first MVC match is April 5 at home against Billerica.

Wartman also hoped to squeeze in pre-season scrimmage matches with North Andover and Manchester/Essex depending on the weather.

The Golden Warriors finished 14-5 overall last spring, including 11-3 in MVC matches with a pair of losses to new nemesis Chelmsford and a 3-2 setback to Lowell.

AHS won its Division 1 North Tournament opener 5-0 over Beverly before being ousted 3-2 by Lexington in the quarterfinals.

Andover returns 15 players who saw some varsity court time last spring, including third singles and both doubles teams.

Senior Capt. Jason Edelstein, a baseball player until switching to tennis last year, went 7-3 while playing mostly third singles with a couple matches at Nos. 1 and 2.

Senior Capts. Avi Lasser and Brian Axelrod were 7-1 at first doubles, and both may compete for singles positions this season.

Junior second doubles Mike Zakin and Josh Caplan were undefeated as a team last year, 8-0 overall, and likely will stay together.

Other returning lettermen, most of whom filled in at doubles from time to time, are seniors Dave Hornung, Dave Szafarz, Dan Jordan and Dave Tanklesky, junior Dave Ong and sophomore Jeremy Hogan.

Senior Max Chistyakov, who played as a freshman and sophomore before taking last year off, returns to the team.

Completing the 2004 squad are junior Brian Hsieh and sophomores Seth Davidovits, Seth Johnson, Eric Krupnik and Julian Vastl, all of whom were on the team last year and played primarily junior varsity matches.

Wartman feels Chelmsford, Central Catholic with state finalist Jason Sechrist returning, and Lowell will join his team as MVC powers again this season.

Wartman enters the campaign with a 326-46 overall won-lost record, including 283-14 in MVC matches.

His teams have won 15 titles and gone to the Division 1 North Tournament 19 straight years.

GIRLS TENNIS

To say that first-year Andover High girls tennis coach David Hughes has a formidable task ahead might be an understatement.

Hughes, a former AHS boys tennis captain who graduated in 1990, is entrusted with sustaining the success of a program that has put together one of the longest regular-season win streaks in state history.

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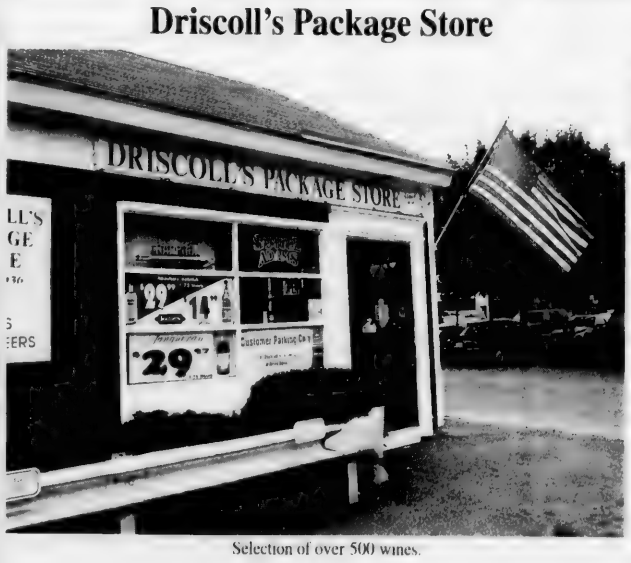

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AHS PREVIEWS

■ GIRLS TENNIS

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The Lady Warriors enter the 2004 season riding a streak of 219 consecutive MVC wins, with the last lost almost 14 years ago to Lowell, 3-2, on May 21, 1990.

The locals are also 292-1 in their last 293 conference matches and have won 16 straight MVC titles and 17 in the last 19 years under previous coaches Laura Goodman and Tony Russo.

Hughes, who also played four years of collegiate tennis at Randolph-Macon in Richmond, Va., seems undaunted.

He took the job after 14-year veteran Russo retired from teaching and coaching. Russo and his wife now split time between Florida and Massachusetts.

"I always wanted to coach at my alma mater," said Hughes, whose younger brother Peter (Class of 2000) was also a tennis captain and standout at AHS and now joins on as a volunteer AHS girls assistant. "It's a terrific opportunity and I wanted to take advantage of it."

He arrives at Andover after coaching the North Andover boys for the past three years.

The Scarlet Knights' record improved each of those years, culminating in an undefeated regular season last spring that resulted in the school's first Cape Ann League title in 19 years.

North Andover continued on to the Division 2 North Tournament title match before losing to perennial Middlesex League power Winchester.

Like the AHS boys, at presstime the weather had kept Hughes from setting up any definite lineup positions.

The Lady Warriors are also short on prep time with a pair of season-opening non-league matches next week, Tuesday afternoon at home against Burlington and Thursday at Lexington (both 3:30 p.m.).

The MVC opener is April 5 at Billerica (3:30).

"We have to find a way to make the team 'match-tough' by next week," said Hughes, a social worker/counselor at West Middle School. "We'll have some round-robin challenge matches to evaluate the talent and help set the lineup."

Graduation took three of the top four doubles players, two-time All-Conference choices and No. 1 pairing Jenicka Hornung and Lauren Fitzgerald along with second doubles Helen Hodges.

Everyone else returns from a squad that went 18-0 in league matches, with 15 of the wins 5-0 shutouts, and 19-1 overall including a 3-2 triumph over Lincoln-Sudbury in the opening round of the Division 1 North Tournament.

Concord-Carlisle ended the perfect season dream with a 4-1 triumph over the Lady Warriors in the North quarterfinals.

Topping the list of returners is senior captain, No. 1 singles and two-time MVC Player of the Year Marsha Mogilevich, who has never lost an MVC match.

That's a great way to start off your roster.

Other singles veterans are junior Christie Spang and sophomore Hannah Zarkar.

Doubles players back are senior Capts. Brittany Roy and Wendy Chen.

Under the "rich get richer" theory is the addition of senior exchange student Guillermina Almode from Argentina.

She is reportedly one of the top players of her age in that South American country, and is likely to crack the singles lineup for AHS this spring.

One other potential returner switched over to lacrosse, but there are 15 other underclassmen from last year that are among the 30 total candidates currently working out and being considered to complete the squad.

Final cuts are this weekend.

Undefeated — The Andover High girls ski team celebrated another outstanding season with its team banquet at Andover Country Club. The Lady Warriors finished the regular season undefeated, winning a third straight North Shore League title, and despite an injury to top skier Brittany Roy the team placed 10th at the MIAA All-State Alpine Championship Meet at Wachusett Mountain in Princeton. Shown here displaying the championship banner, to be hung in the Dunn Gym at AHS, are (from left): seniors Capt. Mallory Jaracz, Rachel Boister, Capt. Keriann Bartley, Capt. Lauren Hayes, Courtney Reed and Brittany Roy.

Representing Andover High at the recent MIAA State Alpine Ski Championships at Wachusett Mountain in Princeton were, front row (from left): Assistant Coach Lisa Tylus, sophomore Michelle Guy, senior Capts. Mallory Jaracz and Keriann Bartley, freshman Kayla Fosse, Head Coach Tom Busta. Back row (from left): senior Brittany Roy, senior Capt. Jim Green, senior Capt. Lauren Hayes, junior Erik Fosse and senior Courtney Reed. Green turned in the best individual performance of the day, finishing 10th in the giant slalom. The girls, racing without speedy Brittany Roy due to a shoulder injury, placed 10th as a team. Captains for next season were announced at the recent banquet, held at Andover Country Club. Erik Fosse and Doug Heath will lead the boys while Kara Bularzik will head the girls squad.

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Keller Williams Realty International President, Mark Willis (center), congratulates Susan Rochwarg and Art Pauk.

Sunset for Bazaar Days

Downtown businesses vote to end annual business festival

By Andrea Gregory

The strangest thing about Bazaar Days this year is that there will be no Bazaar Days.

The traditional weekend festival that takes place over Father's Day weekend will not happen this year, at least not in the form people expect and not with the holiday name people have used for years. Main Street will not close down.

"Bazaar Days is finito," said Ron Hill, Andover Chamber of Commerce president. "It's not going to be called Bazaar Days anymore. It's not going to be called anything."

According to Hill, local downtown businesses decided to keep Main Street open and do away with the concept of Bazaar Days a few weeks ago. He said Bazaar Days has been on a steady decline during recent years.

Hill said after becoming Chamber president last fall he dropped in on local merchants to see how they would feel about revamping the Andover Center Association and asked to hear about business-related issues. Hill said store after store told him Bazaar Days was hurting their business.

"That was a concern. It came up right away," said Hill. "The composition of the businesses have changed. As it changed and there were fewer people walking around, it was just dissolving. In it's current form, it was not beneficial to businesses."

Hill said that representatives of 15 to 20 businesses took part in a discussion and a vote to end Bazaar Days.

Corey Scribner, manager of Daher's Shoes, said he did not vote either way. Daher's large, annual shoe sale, which has grown to be a Bazaar Days icon, will remain on the third floor of Old Town Hall.

"Daher's will always have their annual sale at the Old Town Hall and always plans to have it there whether the streets are opened or closed," he said. "Daher's does not plan to change anything they've done in the past."

Scribner said he is still hoping to perform as a deejay outside the building, too. He said this year will be the 20th anniversary of the sale, and the first year it is being held without the umbrella of Bazaar Days. "Maybe this is the right thing to do at this time," Scribner said. "We're optimistic that it really won't hurt us."

"I think Bazaar Days has outlived its time. It's not the same as it was years ago," said John Simko of Andover Optical. "My business drops off during Bazaar Days."

Simko said he was not there for a vote, but would have gone along with the majority.

"It was a good run. It's just time for a change and to do something different," he said. "I think people will miss Bazaar Days."

Selectman Brian Major is one of those people who will miss the event. He said events like Bazaar Days are pieces of Andover's identity, and he is not happy about the decision to terminate Bazaar Days.

"It's a horrible decision. That's a tradition that people look forward to," said Major. "It was probably a self-centered decision and not a decision that was made for the greater good. I see it as being a really self-centered thing to do."

Members of the Andover Center Association have voted to stop hosting Bazaar Days, an event that closes Main Street and offers special deals to shoppers such as Tony Clark (above in 2003) and special events — like face painting — for kids. In the photo at top right is Michael Harney who had his face painted by Uno the Clown.

Furniture store is Absolutely Fabulous – really

Resident offers European furniture shop in Lawrence, named for British TV comedy

By Judy Wakefield

A native Brit, now of Andover, has launched a furniture business named after a hit comedy that airs often in England.

Helen Thorburn

The store is Absolutely Fabulous furniture – or Ab-Fab – located in the former KGR store on Canal Street in Lawrence. All pieces have a European flair, according to owner and Andover resident Helen Thorburn, who is adding lots of bold colors to furniture palates.

"It's pastels, lots of cream pieces, nothing dark," Thorburn said of her furniture collection.

A married mother of two, who still has a British accent as her husband's job brought her to Andover years ago, she is by no means featuring traditional New England furniture in her store. "It's very vintage florals, stripes and bright colors in the shop," she said, noting the appeal of color is catching on in homes in the area.

Thorburn, who worked as a fashion designer in England, explained that she started an interior decorating business in her Andover basement and gradually moved to importing European furniture.

"It's nothing like you would see anywhere else," she said. "I get the fabrics from England."

In addition to furniture and fabrics, the business features accessories for the home. Thorburn said she uses her design skills to "enhance a room scheme" or to give a room a charming new look. A key feature is her "Cath Kidston" collection, which is very popular in England. The Kidston bedding and bath collection is new to Thorburn's store this month.

"I buy all her pieces and have been promoting her name," Thorburn said of the Kidston collection. "She is opening a store in New York soon and I am just thrilled."

Thorburn has been open for about a year and said she "is growing slowly."

She is thrilled with the new businesses opening in her building and in the Canal Street area, which she boasts is part of Lawrence's gateway area and offers lots of good shopping.

In addition, she is teaching classes at her shop on decorative painting, and gold and silver painting, saying she likes to "diversify a bit" to attract more customers. She is also offering painting classes for children.

The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, and stays open until 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Web site is www.abfabfurniture.com

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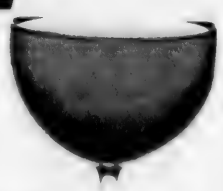

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TOWN TALK

Blue-ribbon floral design

Andover resident Ann Lange won a first-place award for a sculpture with flowers at the New England Spring Flower Show last week. Lange won first place and a designer's choice award in the design division of the show, held at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston.

Lange's sculpture is an abstract work in stainless steel incorporating yellow heliconia. The work is 7-feet-tall and 4-feet-wide. Lange created it as part of a class by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. Her class assignment – which she said was difficult – required her to create a sculpture that could be viewed from all directions.

Joyce Bakshi and Leslie Frost, also from Andover and representing the Andover Garden Club, won honorable mentions.

– Ben Hellman

Remembering Ruth in the 'Vale

Ballardvale will celebrate spring with a social and awards program being held in memory of a well-known resident.

The Ballardvale Historic District Commission is starting the Ruth Davis Sharpe Preservation Award this year and plans to honor individuals who have contributed to the preservation and documentation of Ballardvale's history. Sharpe was a fixture on the 'Vale scene and loved its history. The social's agenda includes a video she narrated entitled "Ballardvale in its Heyday."

Also at the event, Raymond Gibbons will talk about Ballardvale Pottery, while James Sheldon will talk about Charles Sheeler and his work in Ballardvale.

The event will be held next Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at 200 Andover St. For more information or a ride to the event, call Chris Huntress at 978-475-7738.

– Judy Wakefield

Seder for generations

With cooking and cleaning, preparing for Passover is a big job for Jewish women, says Debbie Coltin. Coltin will lead an intergenerational Seder for women at Temple Emanuel next Tuesday, March 30 at 6 p.m. "This is a nice night out," said Coltin.

The evening includes a symbolic Seder with the telling of the Exodus from Egypt highlighting the roles of Jewish heroines. The evening includes singing and dancing and has drawn women of all ages, said Coltin. "It really gets me going," said Coltin. "You see young girls, mothers and grandmothers. That's really special."

– Ben Hellman

Spring Egg Hunt set for April 3

There might be snow on the ground, but spring is in the air and that means the [illegible] annual Spring Egg Hunt is a go.

Department of Community Services is hosting its annual egg hunt on Saturday, April 3 in the Park, at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets from 10 a.m. to noon. Children ages 2 to 10 are invited. The cost is $10 per child. Vern Loschi of DCS said baskets will be plentiful for egg searchers, and face painting [illegible] be available along. Kids will be able to take pictures with a spring bunny.

For more information, call DCS at 978-623-8274.

Judy Wakefield

Andona Society readies Fling

The Andona Society will hold its annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 3 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA. This event is a drug- and chemical-free celebration for students in grades 6, 7 and 8 attending Andover middle schools. The event will include a DJ and dancing, swimming, bungee run, moonwalk, inflated boxing ring, and other fun activities. Pre-registration is required.

Forms are available at all Andover middle schools and should be returned to the schools on or before next Thursday, April 1. Call Mina Patel at 978-749-3190.

Heat and light over *Passion*

Symposium to present different perspectives on Gibson's film

By Ben Hellman

MEL GIBSON'S *PASSION OF THE CHRIST* is still spurring discussions about religion, history and Jewish-Christian relations. Merrimack College is hosting a panel discussion on the subject, "Hollywood, the Bible and Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of Christ': A Symposium."

The free discussion is open to the public and will take place Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the Sakowich Center.

Taking part in the discussion will be Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel; Robert Leikind, an attorney and regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, New England; Paula Fredriksen, Boston University professor of appreciation of scripture, and Joseph Kelley, director of Merrimack College's Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.

Paula Fredriksen

Joseph Kelley

Rabbi Robert Goldstein

Robert Leikind

Leikind said his group has spent a lot of time writing about the film. Leikind is concerned about the way Jews are portrayed in it. He said he finds it troubling that this movie will be the first introduction to Jews for millions or even billions of people who have never met a Jew before. "It's some of the most ugly, damaging and scurrilous stereotypes," said Leikind. Leikind has concerns with the appearance of the Jews, the connection the movie makes between the Jews and the devil, and the shifting of the weight of blame for the death of Christ from the Romans to the Jews.

"Many Christians and Jews went into the theater and walked out seeing two different movies," said Leikind.

Leikind said the costumes and physical appearances of the Jews in the film are reminiscent of anti-Semitic caricatures that have been used over time to make Jews seem villainous. Leikind said Jews are familiar with these images and easily recognize them.

Leikind suggested reading a criticism of the film, written by Philip Cunningham, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College. Cunningham describes the types of decisions that have to be made when constructing a Passion narrative and how those decisions involve interpretation by the writer. The review can be viewed at: bc.edu/research/cjl/meta-elements/texts/reviews/gibson_cunningham.htm.

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Goldstein, the Andover rabbi, said he respects Leikind's opinion and agrees that Jews are portrayed in a negative light in the film, but he does not think it will engender hatred and did not find it anti-Semitic. "It's negative, but I don't think it's hateful," said Goldstein.

Goldstein said Leikind's concern about the physical appearance of Jews in the movie are "legitimate." "Some of this imagery has been exploited," said Goldstein. But Goldstein said Christians who see the film are not paying as much attention to the Jews in the film as Jews are. "It's not about the Jews. Jews go to this movie and Christ is not a part of our theology. We're seeing a different movie," said Goldstein.

Goldstein said the movie was creating a lot of discussion between people of the two faiths. But opinions about the movie vary. "You can talk to 10 different ministers and get 10 different interpretations," he said.

Kelley, director of the Augustinian study center, said people who see the movie will bring their own faith into the theater. He said he was so disturbed by the violence in the movie he had a hard time getting involved in *The Passion*, but he knows other Christians who have been very moved by it. "Christians might be able to draw on the film by drawing on their own spiritual life," he said.

For Kelley, the characters were flat and hard to get involved with. He said he didn't think the movie would be easy to understand for someone who did not know the story of Jesus. "I think if you did not know the gospels and the passion narrative it would be absolutely, completely befuddling," said Kelley.

Kelley said the amount of discussion and attention the movie has brought to the Lenten season is valuable. "I've never had this kind of Lent before," he said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is holding an Organic Lawn and Garden Fair featuring "The Garden Guys" – **Sam Jeffries and Steve McCarthy** – at **West Parish Church** this Saturday, March 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. As seen on TV and heard on radio, the Garden Guys offer a down-to-earth and up-to-date approach to organic gardening, organizers said. Jeffries and McCarthy, owners of Garden Connections Inc. are horticultural professionals with a combined 50 years experience in the green industry.

Other local organic landscape experts will also be available to answer questions and discuss their services. Information will be available about home composting, soil sampling and testing, water conservation, and other aspects of healthy lawn care.

Organic lawn and garden products will be on display and available for purchase, including Organica, the Country Hen, Willard Water, Pro-Mix, and The Garden Guys 100 percent organic cotton apparel.

All attendees will receive a free sample of The Country Hen brand of organic compost, as well as water conservation products.

Mark your calendars for this fun event, organizers said.

For more information, contact **Joyce Ringleb** at 978-475-3490; or visit the Andover/North Andover League Web site at www.LWV-Andovers.org.

Also this Saturday, March 27 at 1 p.m., a free program will be held at **Berry Pond** in **Harold Parker State Forest** in North Andover, detailing the work done there by the **Civilian Conservation Corps** (CCC) in the 1930s. This program will include a slide presentation, stories about the camps in North Andover and North Reading, and (weather permitting) a short walk to some remaining CCC sites. The historical presentation will last approximately two hours. Personal and families remembrances of the CCC are welcome, as well as any printed material or artifacts.

In 1933 **President Franklin Roosevelt** signed legislation enacting the Civilian Conservation Corps, better known as the CCC. Young men between the ages of 18 and 25 were organized into camps, and set out to reclaim some of America's depleted forest land and create natural recreation areas for the public. At the heydey of its existence, Massachusetts boasted 51 camps and employed nearly 10,000. Two of these camps were located within the boundaries of Harold Parker State Forest in both North Andover and North Reading. According to a June 4, 1933 article by **Paul Waitt** in the *Boston Traveler*: "Four artificial ponds – 88 acres of water are to be created at Harold Parker State Forest in Andover this summer and fall as fish hatcheries for the Massachusetts fisheries and games division." These camps were very successful, organizers said, and eventually nine artificial ponds and nine dams were built. In addition, miles of trails were constructed as well as Harold Parker Road, Lorraine Campground and the outdoor pavilion still in use on Middleton Road.

This program is presented in conjunction with the annual CCC Commemoration day held March 31 each year. This program is free, accessible and open to the public. For more information, call 978-686-3391.

The Antiques Appraisal Faire, catering to those doing spring cleaning, getting ready to hold a garage sale, or moving, will be held at **Old Town Hall**, 20 Main St., this Sunday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items will be accepted for appraisal until 2 p.m. The cost is $35 per person, which includes verbal appraisal of two items by professional antiques appraisers and a light brunch catered by the **Best of Thymes** of North Andover. Additional items will be appraised for $10 per item. There will be a cash bar. Proceeds will be to benefit **Quota International Club of Andover**, a nonprofit organization whose focus is to provide financial support to help meet the needs of disadvantaged women and children and to champion the education of hearing impaired children in the Merrimack Valley.

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OBITUARIES

Harold A. Rutter Jr.

Longtime resident owned and operated Andover Plumbing and Heating

Harold A. "Hal" Rutter Jr., 89, of Andover, an avid golfer and skier who owned and operated Andover Plumbing and Heating for 40 years, died Monday, March 22 at home after a long illness.

Harold A. Rutter Jr.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Rutter was an Andover resident for 80 years.

He graduated from Punchard High School in Andover and the University of North Carolina's School of Engineering. He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps in Italy during World War II, earning the Bronze Star for meritorious service in support of combat operations of the First American Bombardment Squad, and the Soldier's Medal for heroism for pulling a pilot from the burning wreckage of a crashed airplane.

Family members said Mr. Rutter married Dorothea E. (Ramsay) in January, 1949, shortly after taking her to Marblehead to scrape and paint his boat on their second date.

The couple bought a historic house, which had been rolled from the campus of Phillips Academy to a spot on Morton Street, and spent 50 years there raising three children.

Mr. Rutter remained at home with his wife of 55 years throughout his battle with Alzheimer's.

Mr. Rutter served on the Andover Finance Committee, and the boards of the Andover Youth Center and First Essex Bank.

He was a longtime member of the Haverhill Country Club. At 85, he was "shooting his age" on the links and skiing with his grandchildren. Mr. Rutter was a lifelong skier, regularly making the trek to and from Sugarloaf in Carrabassett Valley, Maine.

Until his illness, Mr. Rutter was a fixture in Andover, from the Dunkin' Donuts in Shawsheen Square to the Howe Insurance Agency, where he worked in retirement as a Registry of Motor Vehicles runner.

In addition to his wife, members of his family include his children, Stephen B. Rutter of Andover, Judith Rutter of Freeport, Maine, and Jacqueline Rutter of Andover; six grandchildren, including Jocelyn, Hanna and Dylan Gully, and Stacy Morin, all of Andover; two great-grandchildren, including Kyla Morin of Andover; and daughter-in-law Deb Rutter and son-in-law Andrew Gully, both of Andover.

Calling hours are scheduled for today, Thursday, March 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street, Andover.

A memorial service will be held at the church tomorrow, Friday, March 26 at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA, 02215; or the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Homes, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Lorette D. Farris

Retired as tax examiner at IRS

Lorette D. (Dumas) Farris, 87, died Sunday, March 21 at Wingate of Andover Nursing Facility.

Born and educated in Methuen, Mrs. Farris worked in various retail stores and was later a tax examiner at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover before retiring. She lived in Lawrence for many years.

She was the widow of Harold K. Farris.

Members of her family include son, Allen and his wife Denise of Lawrence; and daughters, Linda and her husband Gaetano Aletto of Salem, N.H., and Pamela J. and her husband Donald Dunning of Chelmsford.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

A Mass of Christian burial will be said today, Thursday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Main Street, Salem.

Burial will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

Clarence E. Gallant

Andover native had 17 great-grandchildren

Clarence E. Gallant, 75, of Haverhill, died Wednesday, March 17 at Hannah Dustin Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Andover, Mr. Gallant served as a private first class in the Army during the Korean conflict.

He worked in maintenance for the Bradford Street Apartments and St. Mary–Immaculate Conception Cemeteries in Lawrence.

He was the widower of Ada Robinson (Taylor) Gallant.

Members of his family include his sons, Robert E. Gallant and his wife Deborah of Haverhill, and Joseph Gallant and his wife Pamela of Methuen; daughters, Eleanor R. Campbell and her husband Clarence of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and Mary A. Adams and her husband Joseph of Lowell; brothers, Roland Gallant of Andover and Francis Gallant of Mississippi; sister, Mary Duchene of Salem, N.H.; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

DEATHS

Mary C. Devine, 74
Lorette D. Farris, 87
Alexander J. Freitas, 99
Clarence E. Gallant, 75
Elvira A. Griva, 88
Joseph F. McGovern, 74
Harold A. Rutter Jr., 89

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DEVINE — Mary C (McNaughton) (MacLeod) Devine, 74, of Methuen, died Wednesday March 17 at home. She was an administrative assistant at Andover Consultants for 15 years before retiring. Members of her family include her daughter Carol M Whiting and her husband David of Andover.

FREITAS — Alexander J. Freitas, 99, of Lowell, died Wednesday March 17. Members of his family include his daughter, Mrs Jean L. Rourke of Fort Myers Fla. and formerly of Andover.

GRIVA — Elvira A. (Scrofano) Griva, 88, of Methuen, died Thursday, March 18 at Nevins Rehabilitation Centre in Methuen. Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Griva worked at Tyer Rubber Co. in Andover for more than 40 years.

McGOVERN — Joseph F. McGovern, 74, a longtime Lawrence resident, died Monday, March 22 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of his family include his sister, Barbara McGovern of Andover.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement – Heart of Grief Education, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief; group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested, call Nancy Thornton at 978-374-9257 for more information.

Bereavement – Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175

Bereavement – Renew, bereavement support group of the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell. Marie Jennings, 978-459-9343, Ext. 783

Bereavement – Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

Bereavement – Samaritans, information night, first Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St, Methuen; 978-688-0030.

Bereavement – Surviving the Death of a Loved One, every Wednesday for four weeks, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

Bereavement – Visiting Nurse Hospice will offer a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice; Lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, door 17, Wakefield; Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 781-224-3399.

Bereavement – Widowed Persons Service, an all-volunteers organization co-sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, seeking men and women of all ages who have been widowed for at least 18 months, for its training program; Lori Maguire 978-475-5556.

Bereavement – Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, non-sectarian mutual help organization during bereavement and readjustment period, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., A "moving-on" group for persons widowed longer, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Francyne Fuller 978-475-8186.

Bereavement – Adults, Mid-Years Widow and Widowers, Children, VNA of Middlesex-East offers bereavement support groups for adults Wednesdays 5-6:30 p.m.; mid-year widows and widowers (ages 59-70) Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m.; children and parent/guardian Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m.; all groups meet for six weeks, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, Wakefield, 607 North Avenue, second floor, door 17, Pat Kumph 781-224-3399

Breast cancer support group, meets second Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room, Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-5094

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 978-683-7747, Ext 423.

Caregivers support group, meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, in the hospital atrium; 1-800-892-0890

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760

Cancer support group, WE CARE, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the hospital atrium; group offers support for cancer patients, their family and friends, Kim Snow, director of social services, 978-521-8556

CoDa, Co-dependents Anonymous, a group designed to aid people in dependent relationships, meets Mondays 7 p.m., Bellevue Congregational Church, 300 High St Newburyport, and Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Family Mutual Bank State Line Plaza Route 125, Haverhill; David 978-978-452-3822 or Anne 978-978-686-0847

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023

Domestic violence drop-in group, sponsored by Women's Resource Center, new topic introduced each week, short film and discussion, Tuesdays 7-8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White St., Haverhill; 978-373-4041, 978-374-8119

RELIGION NOTES

Good Friday is one of the most meaningful days for Christians of all denominations. This year **Faith Lutheran Church** in Andover will commemorate Christ's death with what organizers call "an innovative and interactive event… The Way of the Cross for Families."

Based on the traditional Stations of the Cross, this program will give participants the opportunity to walk in Jesus' final footsteps while focusing on the themes of family love and support.

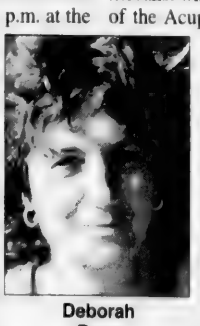
Families will travel together to various stops located throughout the church building where they will listen to the stories of the passion, engage in prayer and reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion in the daily lives of our families today. Organizers said, "The experience will be meaningful for all followers of Christ from our children to our seniors and is especially well-suited for elementary, middle and high school students."

The Way of the Cross for Families will be conducted on April 9 (Good Friday) continuously between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. with the last group starting at 5 p.m. The program takes approximately to 30 minutes to complete.

Everyone is invited, regardless of church affiliation.

Faith Lutheran is located at 360 South Main St. (Route 28).

"Her Time Has Come: Mary Magdalene in the 21st Century," a slide lecture by **Deborah Rose**, will be given on Palm Sunday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation**, 6 Locke St., Andover. The talk is a response to the huge best-seller *The DaVinci Code* and the recent media popularity of Mary Magdalene as a historical and religious figure. The talk will explore Mary Magdalene's popularity at this time in terms of the divine feminine emerging into cultural awareness and perhaps even creating a revisioning of Christianity itself, organizers said. With the intention of distinguishing the mythical Magdalene from the historic, the talk will review the Mary Magdalene of the Gospel stories and explore her role in the long hidden Gnostic texts and later medieval legends. It will also describe the most recent research regarding the heretical second century manuscript, "The Gospel of Mary."



Deborah Rose

Rose is an acupuncturist and herbalist who is a past president of the Acupuncture Society of Massachusetts. She is the former editor of *Second Wave* magazine and has published articles about the Black Madonna and Mary Magdalene in the international journal *Goddessing* and in *Spirit of Change* magazine. She has been researching Mary Magdalene for more than a decade and has led two tours to France to search out legends and visit the holy sites of Mary Magdalene. She will present slides from these journeys in her talk.

Rose's lecture is part of the eighth annual Women's Spirituality Series, a program offered by the Adult Education Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover. The lecture is free and open to the public; facilities are wheelchair accessible.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

Memorial service for Helen Pike is Saturday, April 3

There will be a memorial service for Helen M. (Kimball) Pike, of Andover, at the South Church, Central Street, on Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Pike died Tuesday, March 9 at home.

Born and raised in Andover, she graduated from Punchard High School in 1938 and Chandler Secretarial School in Boston.

Mrs. Pike worked for the Lawrence Gas Co., Phillips Academy and Roland Industries. She was retired from the Pike School, which was founded by her mother-in-law, Cynthia E. (Flint) Pike, as the assistant to the headmaster.

During her life, she was a Brownie leader, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Business Managers Association of Independent Schools and was active in the South Church Couples Club, APC and 2 & 1.

She was the widow of Walter N. Pike.

Members of her family include her daughters, Julie Pike of Massachusetts and Nancy Pike of Vermont; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Madeleine Simeone and her brothers, William R. and Gardner Kimball.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Perkins Library Annual Fund, Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library, 175 N. Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472; or the Home Health Foundation (Home Health VNA and Merrimack Valley Hospice), 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

LOCAL CHURCHES ARE AGAIN INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES FOR A FREE LISTING IN THE APRIL 1 AND APRIL 8 ISSUES OF THE TOWNSMAN.
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FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Christina Maravelis

Charlotte Christina Maravelis turned 1 on March 6. She is the daughter of Art Maravelis and Dr. Lois Lombardo (Maravelis) of North Andover. Charlotte loves her grandparents, James and Charlotte Lombardo of Bristol Lane, and Evan and Electra Maravelis of Windham, N.H. She enjoys chasing after her brothers, Evan, 6, and James, 5.

Derek John Milne

Derek John Milne turned 1 on March 6. He is the son of David and Alison Milne of Blanchard St. He has a sister, Sarah, who is 3½. His grandparents are Alexander and Hannah Gibson and George and Cynthia Milne, all of Andover. A very affectionate and active little boy, he loves playing with his dog, Aspen; eating everything in sight; and pulling his sister's hair.

Nicholas Robert Jacques

Nicholas Robert Jacques celebrated his first birthday Marcy 6. He is the son of Chip and Cathy Jacques of Old School House Road. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ferrantino of Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacques of Atkinson, N.H., formerly of Andover. Nicholas has two brothers, Peter, 6½ and Logan, 4½.

Maya Theresa Schwinn-Clanton

Maya Theresa Schwinn-Clanton turned 1 on March 6. She is the daughter of Karen and Okolo Schwinn-Clanton. Grandparents are Bill and LaVerne Gray of Andover, Liz Clanton of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Gerry Schwinn of Washington, D.C. Great-grandparents are William Minor of Washington, D.C. and Theresa Clanton of Providence, R.I. Maya is a very funny, happy little girl who loves trying to keep up with her sister, Olivia, 2.

Olivia Jan Broderick

Olivia Jan Broderick celebrated her first birthday March 17. She is the daughter of Sean and Kristine Broderick of High Street. She is the first grandchild of Jack and Barbara Stark of Marshfield, and Paul and Diane Boghosian of Georgetown. Olivia loves to smile and say "hi" to everyone she meets. She loves to eat, listen and dance to music, and chase her golden retriever, Casey, around the house.

Annie Katherine Granger

Annie Katherine Granger will celebrate her first birthday March 27. She is the daughter of Fitz and Susan Granger of Lowell Street. Grandparents are George and Beverly Van Brunt of Chester, N.J., and Gordon and Beth Granger of Hilton Head Island, S.C. Great-grandmother is Dora Moore of Linden, N.J. Annie loves to chase her big brother, Will, 2. "Annie is a bundle of energy and we can't wait to see what she will do next."

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS
~ 2004 KEY DATES ~

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Apr. 29	Apr. 23
May 27	May 21
June 24	June 18
July 29	July 23
Aug. 26	Aug. 20
Sept. 30	Sept. 24
Oct. 28	Oct. 22
Nov. 25	Nov. 19
Dec. 30	Dec. 23

BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, are eligible to have their pictures in the *Townsman* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated *the last Thursday of the month*, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a first birthday in April will be published in the April 29 issue. **All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 23** (*see box*). **Photos received after the deadline will not be published. Similarly, first birthday photos older than the current month also will not be published.**

Wesley Albert Clancy

◀ Wesley Albert Clancy celebrated his first birthday on March 22. He is the son of Paul and Merritt Clancy and little brother to Katy of Andover. Grandparents are Albert and Abigail Seymour of Rochester, N.Y., Carolyn and Hartmut Schilling of Carlisle, and Gerald Clancy and Rosemary Hooson of Rockport. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Adams of Canandaigua, N.Y. and Wesley Mansir of Lexington. Wesley loves to chase his big sister, Katy, and play with her friends and her toys.

Mary Caroline Dougherty

◀ Mary Caroline Dougherty turned 1 on March 4. She is the daughter of Lauren (DiStefano) and Daniel Dougherty of Natick. Grandparents are Carol and Larry DiStefano of Andover. Mary Caroline loves playing hide and go seek, and reading books.

Half of this month's crop of FIRST BIRTHDAYS share a March 6th birthday

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ON THE SCENE

Party is all that jazz

Library's benefit even came with a card – a dance card

ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

STAFFERS AT MEMORIAL HALL Library know local photographer Mark Spencer is a jazz enthusiast as he's borrowed numerous jazz CDs from the library. Many staffers are just like him – jazz buffs who can never hear enough music from the Big Band era.

Three years ago, they and other library supporters thought a jazz concert would be a good way to raise money for the library. Spencer was tapped to help, and the jazz fund-raising event he helped launch was a hit. Organizers learned there are many jitterbug steppers in these parts, so such jazz concerts keep coming back.

Last Saturday night, the library's fund-raising group, the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, hosted its jazz concert for a third consecutive year and it was another successful sell-out. Norma Gammon of the Friends group said 180 of the $20 tickets were sold. The party had a new twist this year, as an hour of swing dance lessons came with the ticket and many folks took advantage of it. The lessons were held for an hour before the jazz band, White Heat Swing Sextet, took over the stage at 7:30 p.m.

But, the jitterbugging and other swing step dances didn't stop when the band came on. Hands down, this was a dance crowd and few people stayed in their seats.

Many were like Selectman Chairman John Hess and his wife, Kathy; library director Jim Sutton and his wife, Vicki; and Spencer and his wife, Audrey, all of whom can certainly cut a rug, so to speak. They all looked great on the dance floor.

The Spencers were especially smooth and flowing, but they had a leg up on the other dancers. Gammon said the band performed at the Spencers' wedding reception.

Kay Frishman of Shawsheen Road was like many concert-goers, saying Andover has a terrific library and she was there to show support for it. "I love the library and my mom, who is now 93, once worked there," Frishman said before hitting the dance floor. "I am here to show my support."

Maryjane Bausemer, also of Shawsheen Road, currently heads the Friends group and also thinks fondly of the library. She grew up close to it – next to St. Augustine Church – and has always been an active borrower.

"Mine is a lifetime love of the library," she said. "I think everyone is here to show support for our great library."

Mark Spencer concurred, saying he enjoys being the point man for this event, as "there's not enough jazz. We need more jazz!"

Dave Carlberg of the Savings Bank on Main Street – whose dancing partners included well-known town-government watcher Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle – was saluted for support, as the bank donated $2,000 to the event. In fact, his bank had several employees at the event. "We're part of this community and happy to be here," Carlberg said.

"That means all the money from ticket sales can go directly to the library and fund our programs that are not in the town budget," Gammon chimed in. Organizers plan to use proceeds on new signs and furniture to beef up access for handicapped patrons this year, she said.

Martha and David Lindsay dance to the sounds of the White Heat Swing Sextet.

Holly Johnson (center), of Paper Moon Dance Studio in Merrimack, N.H. gives swing dance lessions at the start of Jazz at the Hall last Saturday night at Old Town Hall.

Winnie and David Ebb

Audrey and Mark Spencer ▲

▼ Kathy and John Hess

Photos by Tim Jean

Maria Lechtarova and Ben MacDonald

ANDONA SOCIETY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH & FASHION SHOW

From left are models Jodi MacDonald of Andona, Steven and Tina Druth of Druth Real Estate, Bill Dalton of Dalton & Finegold LLP, state representatives Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien; store owner Merit Whirty of Night & Day, and Adrienne Pappadopoulos of Glory.

SPRING WAS IN THE AIR at the Andona Society Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show. More than 200 guests enjoyed the latest fashion trends from Night and Day, Cache, Giblees, Irresistibles, J. McLaughlin, Native Sun, and SylishShe. The clothes were modeled by Andover community leaders. Their hair was done by Marissa Michaels Hair Salon.

The attendees also enjoyed a lively discussion with the guest speaker, Maria Stephanos, co-anchor of FOX 25 News at 10.

The raffle and silent auction helped the Andona Society raise more than $8,000. The non-profit group is dedicated to giving back to the youth of Andover: awarding five $2,000 scholarships to high school seniors; sending more than 40 children to summer camps; it has pledged $50,000 for the Youth Center; and it donates to the schools and the community in many ways.

From left are Steven Druth, Bill Dalton, Barry Finegold and *Andover Townsman* editor Neil Fater.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 148 of the General Laws as amended that Shawsheen Rubber Co 220 Andover Street Andover MA 01810 has petitioned the Board of Selectmen to keep and store inflammable products at 220 Andover Street

A total of 21,000 gallons of inflammable products will be stored as follows: Aboveground – 21,000 gallons Class 1B flammable liquids (adhesives in approved 55 gallon drums)

A public hearing will be held on Monday April 12 2004 at the Town Offices 36 Bartlet Street Selectmen's Conference Room Third Floor at 7:30 P.M. in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws thereto

By Order of the Board of Selectmen
Randall L. Hanson
Town Clerk
March 25, 2004

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE ANDOVER on THURSDAY April 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Continental Healthcare Ltd Partnership 63 Kendrick St., Needham MA for an extension of Decision No. 328*

Premises affected are located at 80 Andover St Andover MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessors Map 94 as Lot 4

DANIEL S. CASPER
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 18 & 25, 2004

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE ANDOVER on THURSDAY April 1, 2004 at 8:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room Town Office Building Bartlet Street on an application by Vale Realty Trust for a 1-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Meagans Way" located off Andover Street on property owned by Timothy Barash. The proposed subdivision will be accessed by a way known as Reynolds Street located between properties at 229 and 233 Andover Street. The property is more specifically identified as Lot 36 on Assessors Map 139. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia,
Chairman
March 25, April 1, 2004

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE ANDOVER on THURSDAY April 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Phillips Common, LLC, 200 Park St., N. Reading, MA 01864 for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, § 3.1.3.A.4, 7.6.3 & 3.3.3 and/or for special permits under Article VIII, §§ 3.3.2, 3.3.3, & 3.3.7 to demolish an existing 6-family dwelling and construct a new 5-family dwelling that will not meet zoning regulations

Premises affected are located at 221-223 Main St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 57 as Lot 44

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 18 & 25, 2004

TOWN OF ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 13 2004, at 9:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by Eisai Research Institute of Boston, for a Special Permit for a Change in Parking Requirements (reserve parking) associated with a Special Permit for Major Non-Residential Project for the construction of a 150,000 square foot research and office facility located at One Corporate Drive (off Shattuck Road), and more specifically identified as Lot 12 on Assessor's Map 167. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia,
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March 25, April 1, 2004

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
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Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No.
03P0180EP1

In the Estate of
RITA ELIZABETH GREENQUIST AKA RITA E. GREENQUIST
AND
RITA GREENQUIST
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death December 3, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ANN MILMORE of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix named in the will to serve without surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 12, 2004**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this 8th day of March, 2004

Pamela Casey
O'Brien Register of
Probate Court
March 25, 2004

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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ESSEX Division
Docket No.
03D0005DV1

DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NEVENA MOLLOVA-LECHTOROVA AKA NEVENA N. MOLLOVA, Plaintiff
V
NIKOLAY LECHTAROV,
Defendant

To the above named defendant

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff NEVENA MOLLOVA-LECHTOROVA AKA NEVENA N. MOLLOVA 21 STRATFORD ROAD, ANDOVER MA 01810 seeking DIVORCE & CUSTODY

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information

You are required to serve upon KAZAROSIAN LAW OFFICES, DEMETRA PONTISAKOS, ESQ. attorney for plaintiff whose address is 546 MAIN STREET, HAVERHILL, MA 01830 your answer on or before JUNE 24th 2004. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Salem.

WITNESS, JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this 8th day of March, 2004

Pamela Casey
O'Brien Register of
Probate Court
March 25, 2004
April 1 & 8, 2004

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Arno & Sandra Minkkinen, 1 White Oak Dr., Andover, MA for a variance from Article VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct a two story conforming addition to a dwelling on a lot that doesn't have frontage on a way as defined by the By-Law

Premises affected are located at 1 White Oak Dr., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 122 as Lot 46

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 18 & 25, 2004

TOWN OF ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by Vale Realty Trust, for a Special Permit for Earth Movement associated 1-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Meagans Way" located off Andover Street on property owned by Timothy Barash, and more specifically identified as Lot 36 on Assessors' Map 139. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia,
Chairman
March 25, April 1, 2004

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
(SEAL)
Case No. 297102

To **Robert James Lockyer, Christine A. Lockyer** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Federal National Mortgage Association claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 17 Boutwell Road given by Robert James Lockyer to Fleet Mortgage Corp. dated November 30, 1999 recorded at Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5623, Page 2 and now held by Plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 19th day of April, 2004, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 3rd day of March, 2004

Ann-Marie J. Breuer
Deputy Recorder
March 25, 2004

NOTICE OF SALE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage (the "Mortgage") given by Pria L. Singh, individually, to Liberty Bank and Trust Company (the "Original Mortgagee"), the Mortgage dated August 12, 1999, recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 5524, Page 242, of which Mortgage the undersigned, Cathay Bank, successor-by-merger to the Original Mortgagee (the "Mortgagee"), is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the 16th day of April, 2004, upon the mortgaged premises at 5 Freemont Lane, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit

"Property: Lot 5 a/k/a 5 Freemont Lane, Andover, Massachusetts 01810

The land situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts and shown as Lot 5 with Parcel "A" Open Space and the fee in Freemont Lane, all as shown on plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Quailcrest Section II Andover, Massachusetts" which plan is recorded with the North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 13047

All as shown on said Plan, to which Plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Said premises are conveyed subject to easements and restrictions of record, including easements and conditions shown on said Plan, Planning Board Conditions, and Orders of Conditions from the Andover Conservation Commission."

The real property covered by the Mortgage will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, unpaid real estate and other taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments and existing liens and encumbrances of record created prior to the Mortgage, if any thereon

The real property covered by the Mortgage also will be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over the Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises and to all laws and ordinances including, without limitation, all building, zoning and environmental laws and ordinances.

TERMS OF SALE: Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) of the purchase price shall be paid as a deposit in cash, certified check or bank treasurer's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check or bank treasurer's check upon delivery of the deed forty-five (45) days from the date of the sale. The deposit paid at the time of the sale shall be forfeited if the purchaser does not comply strictly with the terms of the sale. Other terms will be announced at the sale.

CATHAY BANK, successor-by-merger to GENERAL BANK, successor-by-merger to LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, present holder of said Mortgage

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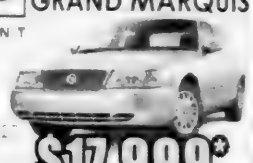
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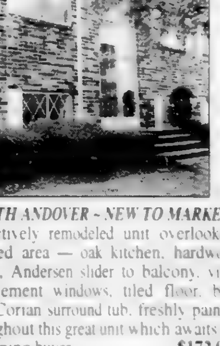

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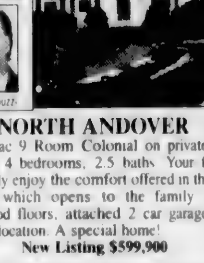

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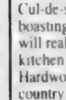

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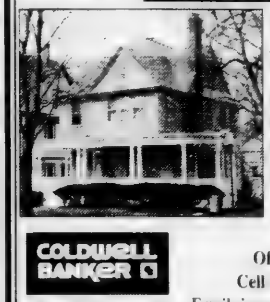

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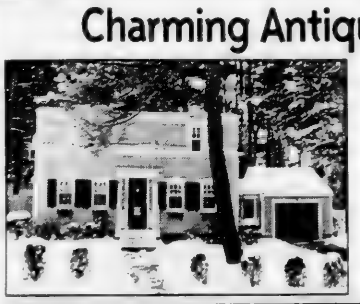

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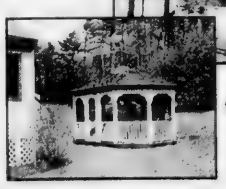

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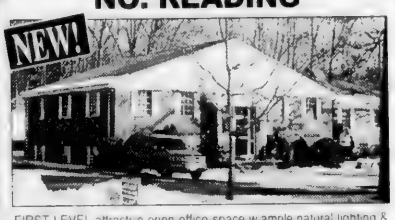

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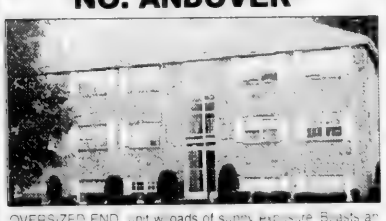

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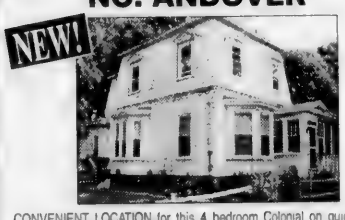

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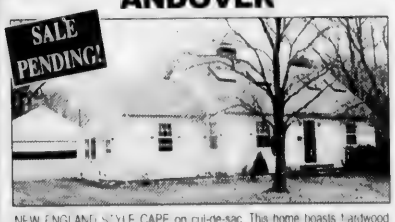

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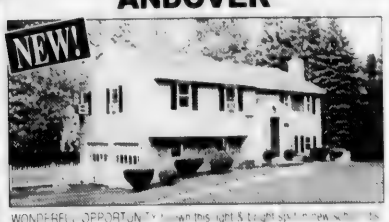

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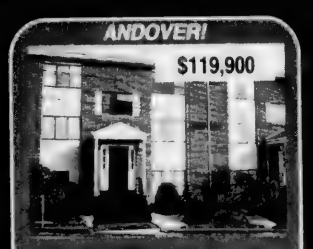
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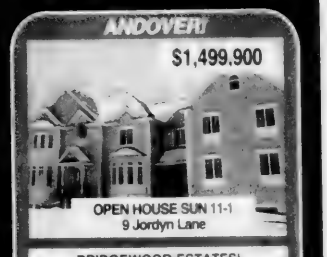
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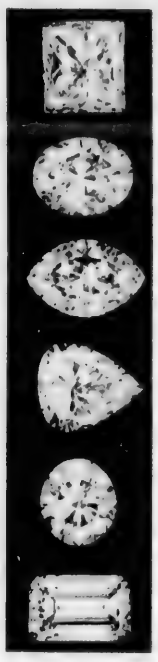

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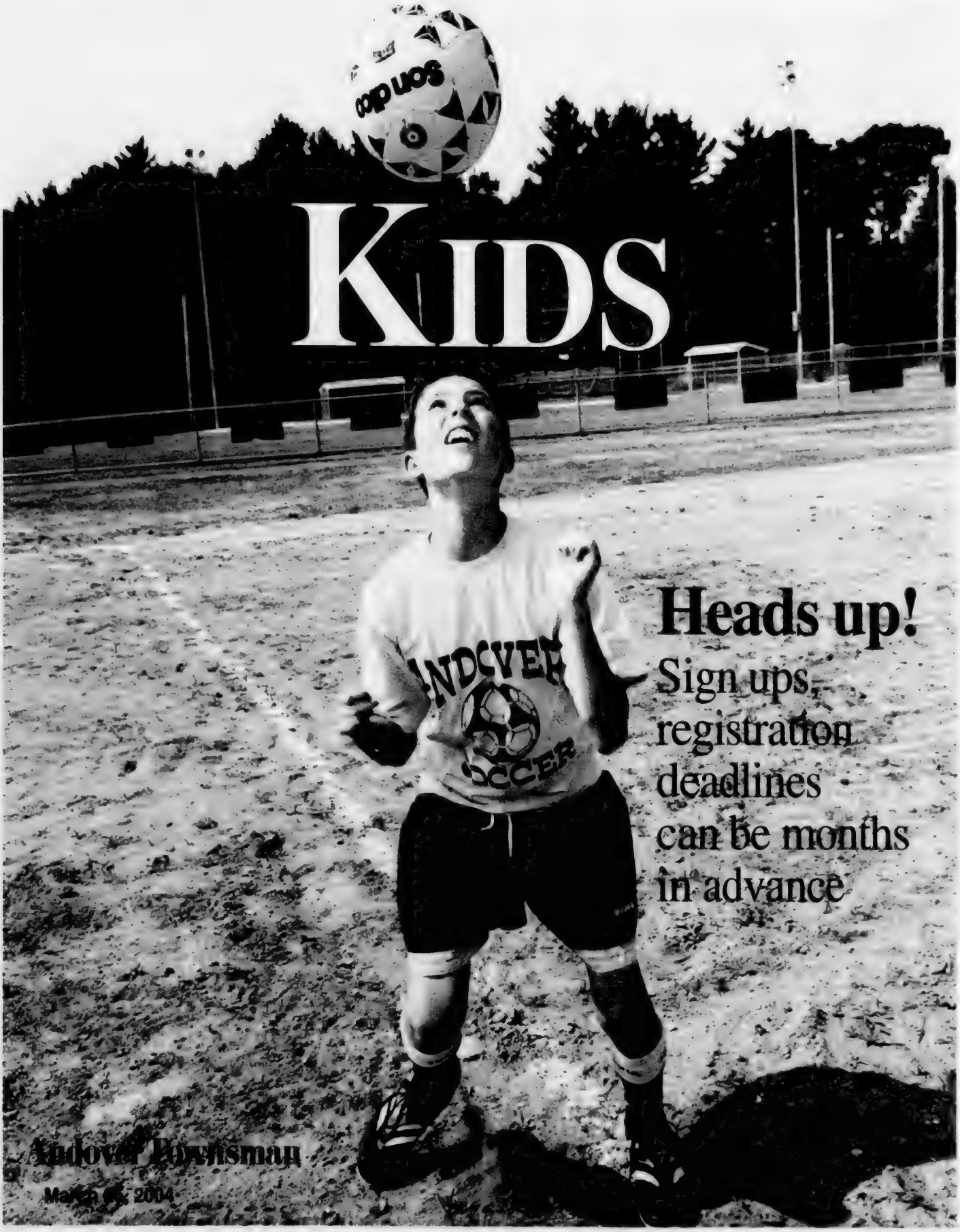
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Sign up kids for activities in advance

If the deadline is missed, it may be too late to include them

By Alan Chitoff

Andover is teeming with programs and activities for youth of all ages. But some Andover parents might not realize that their kids will need to sign-up for many of these programs months in advance. If they miss the sign up date, it might be too late to register their children at all.

"The first time that your child is involved in a sport, you're not on a mailing list and you never think to register six months ahead of time," says Melanie Bilazarian, an Andover resident.

But, because of the complexity of running sports or other youth organization with hundreds or even thousands of participants, some registration times are scheduled months in advance of the seasons.

Carl Grygiel manages the Andover Soccer Association, which has more than a thousand kids who participate in organized soccer each year. He says it is important that boys and girls interested in playing sign up during the registration period. "This allows for the planning needed for coaches, fields and teams assignments to occur in an organized fashion to ensure the best experience for all players," he says.

Bilazarian has children who participate in organized sports in town, including lacrosse. She notes a number of questions parents have about registering their children for activities.

"Is the Winter Lacrosse League through the Lacrosse Association?" Bilizarian asks, rhetorically. "If I knew, I would have had my kid in it. I called youth services and asked them, 'When is registration for spring lacrosse?' and they said, 'You missed it. It was yesterday.'" [In fact, the Winter Lacrosse League is run out of the Andover Youth Services.]

This was a learning experience that she would like to share, so that, hopefully, other parents will not face the same disappointment.

Most organized programs and activities in town designed for kids will try to accommodate anyone who has missed the initial sign-up date. But this is not always possible.

Glenn Wilson, of Andover Youth Services, says parents will frequently contact his department after sign-up deadlines have come and gone.

"We try and take as many (late-comers) as we can," he says. "We make every effort.

"But, if they call once the season has started, the likelihood is not good. We have a limited number of coaches."

Learning where to register can be another issue for parents new to a league. For example, Bilazarian discovered that Andover Church Basketball League registration forms can be found – despite the store's name – at the Andover Hockey Shop. In fact, registration forms for many programs can be found at the Andover Hockey Shop, which sells more than just hockey equipment.

Yes, signing up for activities can be a bit of a puzzle, even for those who have lived in Andover for some time.

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Andover offers many opportunities for kids to participate in organized activities and programs.

"Even if you've lived in town but have a 12-year-old who now happens to be able to play a different level of sport, you are still new to that sport," Bilazarian explains. "It's not even newness to the town, you know?"

Kim Stamas, the recreational coordinator for the Department of Community Services (DCS), understands what can happen. The popularity of a program can make it difficult to accommodate all interested youth. Andover Youth Services has tried different ways to handle its registrations, as parents have camped out all night to ensure their teens can participate in a heavily desired program.

DCS programs, which include sports as well as cultural activities such as dance and theater, attracts kids of all ages, as well. While DCS sends catalogs to all Andover residents, and works closely with the public school administration to ensure kids have opportunities to participate, some kids still miss out.

"Many classes do fill up," Stamas says. "Typically, the preschool classes will fill quickly, almost always. If you have your heart set on a particular class, you need to be on top of when our registrations are."

Like those involved in other programs in town, DCS workers say they try to please. "In a preschool class, once a class fills we'll start a wait list," Stamas explains. "And then, when we get enough for a full class, we'll offer it again. So we do try to accommodate everyone. We've all been trying very hard to do what's best for the town."

Most Andover organizations have Web sites which post pertinent information, including schedules and contact information. But not all of these Web sites publish sign-up dates and deadlines. This Kids section offers deadlines for some Andover-based organizations and programs, beginning on page 6A.

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Department of Community Services

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Registration deadline vary according to season/program
All leagues, clinics and progams organized through the Department of Community Services. Deadline registration dates vary according to program and season. DCS mails catalogues to residents before a new season begins.

COURTESY OF DCS

Kids enjoy a skiing adventure, one of many programs offered through DCS.

Andover Youth Services

Boys and girls, all ages
Bill Fahey, youth services director
978-623-8241
www.andoveryouthservices.com
Organizes various programs, including comedy night, fashion shows, sports, dances and summer programs.

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Youth Services offers frisbee in the summer months.

Merrimack Valley YMCA

Boys and girls, all ages
Karen Gately, associate director
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Special interest programs: courses, swimming, gymnastics, karate, leaders club, dancing, arts and crafts, sports and summer camps.

Cover Photo of Brian Spurr by Tim Jean.
Also, a special thanks to DCS for providing photos of their various programs and courses.

ABOUT THIS SECTION

On the following pages is a list of town organizations and programs for kids. While we have attempted to include major programs, this is certainly not a complete list, and we encourage all residents to check organization Web sites for registration forms and other up-to-date information. The Memorial Hall Library Web site (www.mhl.org) is another excellent source of information for town activities.

The programs are listed by category. Please find SPORTS listings on pages 6A,7A,8A; ARTS listings are on page 12A.

Also, please keep in mind that some programs will still enroll kids after the initial registration deadline has passed. But, there are no guarantees!

Non-profit and not-for-profit organizations that offer youth programs in Andover but were not included in this section are invited to send their information to Alan Chitoff at achitoff@andovertownsman.com for possible inclusion in a future section.

Information in this section is listed as follows:

- Activity name
- Participants (for what age group?)
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Engage children with fun, creative project and craft ideas

(MS) – Faced with a seemingly interminable number of LOLs (Laugh Out Loud) and B4Ns (Bye For Now), it may seem sometimes as though children are speaking a different language. However, it is more likely the kids are simply wrapped up in today's high-tech world, which makes it easier than ever for them to plug in and tune out, potentially losing sight of their own inventiveness and creativity. As many parents will attest, the action and allure of computer and video games can be a tough act to follow in this day and age.

Yet there are many easy and creative ways to engage children, and many of the supplies can be found right in the kitchen. Actually, a simple box of baking soda is a great place to begin.

Read on for several project ideas to help create hours of excitement for kids while keeping them focused on creative projects that do not use a computer or TV.

PLAY CLAY

Want to get children's hands on something other than the remote control? With adult supervision, kids can make their own play clay. This simple project calls for 2 cups of baking soda, 1 cup of cornstarch and 1 cups of cold water. Combine all the ingredients in a medium-size saucepan and cook, stirring frequently, over medium heat. After 10 to 15 minutes, the mixture should be the consistency of mashed potatoes. Carefully remove the clay from the pot, and cover it with a damp cloth. When cool, knead the clay like dough until it feels smooth. To color the clay, add a few drops of food coloring while kneading. Children can experiment by molding the clay into a variety of shapes while they discover new concepts about color and science.

CRAZY WATERCOLORS

Using ingredients that are already in the kitchen, children can make crazy watercolors with a combination of 2 tablespoons baking soda, 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons water and 1 packet of dry, unsweetened drink mix in any flavor. Mix the dry ingredients together in a small bowl, then add water and stir until the fizzing stops. Divide the mixture into several small plastic tubs or jar lids. To make different colors, use different flavors of drink mix. Voila! Paper and brushes are all a little artist needs to get started on his or her masterpiece.

VOLCANIC' FUN

Kids have always been fascinated by volcanoes, and they'll no doubt jump at the chance to make one of their own with an adult at home.

For an authentic look, start off with flexible cardboard and shape it into a cone, securing it with tape. Insert a 4-ounce cup in the top of the cone to make a crater. While the cone is standing on a baking sheet, cover it with plaster of Paris, making sure not to get any in the cup. When the plaster has dried, paint the cone together to look like a real volcano. To create an "eruption," put baking soda in the crater cup and add a combination of vinegar, dishwashing liquid and red food coloring. Kids will be fascinated by the flowing "lava."

Take some time out to try out these activities. This is a great way for children to learn about the world.

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When should you have your child's eyes checked?

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When should that first visit to the eye doctor take place? According to Dr. Yale Shriber, optometrist of Andover Eye Care, "All children should have their eyes examined by an eye doctor at least by the time they enter school. However, it is very important to get an early look at an infant's eyes as early as six months old. Early eye exams can detect misalignment, depth perception difficulties and crossed eye."

The American Optometric Association recommends children have their first regular eye exam at six months. Follow-up exams should occur at age 3, and then of course, again before starting school.

All of the optometrists at Andover Eye Care agree that the earlier you identify issues like crossed eyes, misalignment and depth perception, the better the chance of actually achieving a complete recovery by using glasses or exercises.

According to Dr. Alan Beaulieu, O.D., "One of the main things I like to see is that a baby at 6 to 8 months is beginning to develop some visual accuracy like being able to reach for things. This is important to see that the baby's eyes are developing normally. The baby should also be following the parents with his or her eyes, when they enter the room, for example."

During the first eye exam, the doctors would check for proper eye alignment, astigmatism, ability of eye movement, nearsightedness and farsightedness and how the eye reacts to darkness and light. An early eye exam can also detect rare conditions in infants such as cataracts and glaucoma.

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■ Baseball ■

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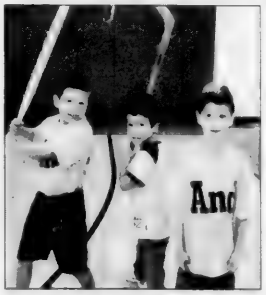

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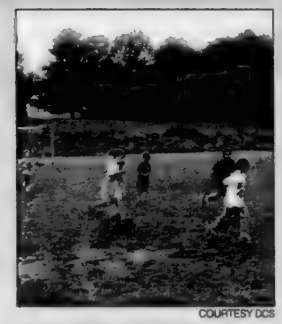

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■ Softball ■

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■ Tennis ■

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Toys can help kids learn while playing

Children can learn valuable math skills with educational toys

(MS) - In the face of jam-packed school and extracurricular schedules, it can be easy to underestimate the importance of play time. All the skills children need to develop into functioning, productive adults originate from play, including literacy, mathematical reasoning, creativity, and social skills, according to Playing For Keeps, a Illinois-based nonprofit organization dedicated to educating parents and teachers about the benefits of constructive play. Just because a toy offers loads of fun, that doesn't mean it cannot be part of the total learning experience.

"As a childhood specialist for over 35 years, I have seen the continuous, essential need for more year-round resources for consumers to identify and choose the most appropriate, safe and engaging learning and developmental products for all children," says noted childhood development expert Stevanne "Dr. Toy" Auerbach, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Childhood Resources.

In October 2003, Auerbach released the annual report, "Dr. Toy's 100 Best Children's Products for 2003," to encourage parents and teachers to focus on the value of play as essential to the learning process.

Recently, one of the top-ranked toys has been the Teaching Cash Register. With children being exposed to technology at progressively younger ages, developing math skills is more important than ever. Designed to engage children's imagination with interactive electronic games that teach skills such as money and number identification, addition and subtraction, each Cash Register includes a built-in scanner, play scale and coin slot that tallies real and play coins.

The right toys can assist parents in reinforcing what their children are learning in school to keep the momentum going year round. "Children learn best through play," she says. "These smart products encourage children to maximize their potential."

COURTESY PHOTO

Toys can be fun and a learning experience all at the same time.

'Just because a toy offers loads of fun, that doesn't mean it cannot be part of the total learning experience.'

Stevanne 'Dr. Toy' Auerbach. Ph.D.

Parents: Choose toys that activate kids' imaginations

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Play is an important part of learning for children who do not yet read or write. It enables them to learn about new concepts by using their senses - touching, feeling, listening, talking and smelling. Play is how children discover and make sense of their world.

Early childhood education experts agree that the years from birth to age 8 are a critical learning time for children, and children need plenty of opportunities for creative play and creative thinking during this impor-

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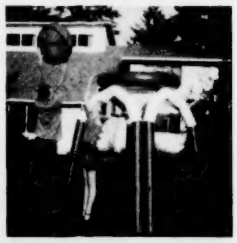

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■ TOYS FOR IMAGINATION

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tant stage. Parents should pay attention to play, plan for it and encourage it with age-appropriate toys.

A recent survey commissioned by Civitas Initiative and Zero To Three, with financial support from BRIO Corp., found that many adults believe that certain activities, like playing computer programs, do the most to enhance a child's development. In reality, according to the survey, other forms of play offer greater benefits since they tend to give children a better chance to use imagination and think abstractly.

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Understanding learning disabilities: signs and solutions of a common issue

(MS) – As children, many remember that feeling of reading a favorite book, devouring each page and soaking in every plot twist and character development.

Yet for many children, reading isn't delightful; rather it is a chore, a hardship, a jumble of incomprehensible symbols on a page that are nearly impossible to decipher.

These are the kids who may have learning disabilities.

Learning disabilities (LD) are neurological disorders affecting a child's ability to process information. Kids who have LD often feel frustrated trying to remember facts, completing homework assignments or reading in general.

But they are not "stupid." In fact, LD kids are typically of average to above-average intelligence, they just have difficulties in a certain areas.

Learning disabilities are quite common; currently, about 2.9 million American school-age children have been diagnosed with some form of LD, according to the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD). That's 5 percent of children in public schools, an astounding statistic.

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Kids with disabilities may learn differently than others; but, with some extra attention, they can function like everyone else.

The most common disorder is dyslexia. Dyslexia is a reading disorder that causes children to process information differently; they might read letters or words backwards, misunderstand directions or verbal information, or mispronounce words. It's estimated that up to 15 percent of the U.S. population suffers from dyslexia, says the NCLD. Some warning signs include difficulty in:

- Understanding that words are made up of sounds
- Blending sounds into speech
- Learning sequential information like numbers or the alphabet
- Reading comprehension
- Open-ended questions

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Signs and solutions

■ LEARNING DISABILITIES

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As complicated as dyslexia can be, once identified, it is treatable. With help from a tutor or teacher trained in learning disabilities, a child can become a good reader. Some of the strategies include: multi-sensory language instruction, books-on-tape and early exposure to different forms of non-reading expression such as drawing or writing.

Other disorders can also cause difficulty with reading. Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) have trouble paying attention to details and sustaining attention for extended periods of time. Visual processing disorders can prevent children from distinguishing between similarly shaped letters or the order of letters in sequence. Information on all these learning disabilities can be found on the National Center for Learning Disabilities Web site (www.ncld.org).

If one suspects that a child has a learning disability, there are several routes to take. Speak to a pediatrician about any concerns, for he or she can recommend alternative methods of testing. If a child is in school, speak to the school counselor, who can tell you what resources the school offers for evaluation.

Once children are diagnosed with a learning disability, it is important to know their rights. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal mandate requiring schools to accommodate these children.

Normally, the school will hold a meeting to determine an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for children's needs. This meeting is required by law to be held within 30 days of diagnosis of the disability. Both parent and child should attend the meeting in order to voice any concerns or requests. The child's teachers are also required to attend.

The IEP will outline the "least restrictive environment" for the child. This means that the child should be allowed to remain in classes with students without disabilities, and should have any support necessary to attain goals. The plan will also outline accommodations to be used in the classroom, which may include extra time on tests, assistive technology devices or modified assignments.

No matter what is decided in the IEP meeting, stay on top of the child's education. Maintain records of testing and evaluations, as well as any work and grades that might be of concern. And keep in touch with the child's teachers, e-mailing them frequently to keep updated on the student's progress. No matter what your child's disability, with a little help, he or she can become a successful learner.

SIGNS OF LEARNING DISABILITIES:

A "yes" answer to any of the following questions could indicate a learning disability.

Does the child:
Consistently not live up to his or her "potential?"
Have trouble answering open-ended questions on tests?
Seem reluctant to take on reading tasks?
Have difficulty adapting skills from one task to another?
Frequently misread instructions?
Work at a much slower pace than peers?

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2. Read a book or watch a movie in which the main character goes off to day care.

3. Play peekaboo and hide-and-seek with one's baby to teach her that people sometimes go away, but they always return.

4. Give her something to take with her that will remind her of the parent - a picture, a blanket or an old sweater with the parent's perfume.

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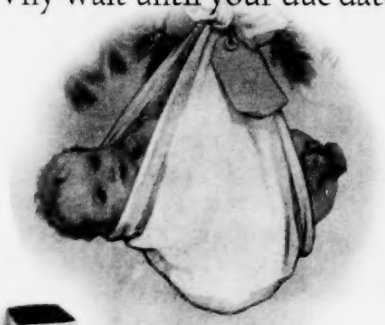

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Here are the topics:

Write a short letter about a movie or film that you have seen recently, and write about how it made you think differently about yourself and your place in the community.

or

Tell us about the best thing that happened to you in Andover during the last year.

Good Luck!